

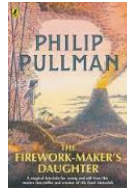
Welcome to Year 4's Autumn Term 2023 overview.

This term, we will be learning about:

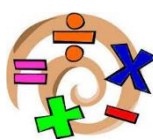
English

We will begin the year looking at the performance poem 'Chocolate cake' by Michael Rosen, we will then look at Japanese poetry including Haiku's, Tanka's and Cinquians, exploring poetic devices simile and metaphors. We will then study biographies and link this to our Science unit 'Electricity'. We will be focusing on the life of Nikola Tesla and building our biography using sentence stacking.

In our Book Talk lessons, we will be reading The Secret Lake by Karen Inglis and The Firework makers daughter by Phillip Pullman, which will lead us into, further writing units, compiling a an adventure story and a setting description. We will explore the vocabulary and imagery used in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis and apply this to our writing. We will be covering the punctuation and grammar elements of the curriculum in separate lessons each week as well as during morning work.

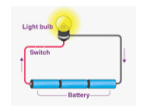


Maths



Following the White Rose Hub scheme, we will begin Autumn term by covering Number and Place Value as well as the Four Operations. As we move into Autumn 2, we will cover Multiplication and Division and Area. Morning tasks will also focus specifically on arithmetic. We will be reinforcing times tables with cracking times tables and number facts Maths mastery.

Science



Autumn term will begin with the study of Electricity. We will look at different basic electrical circuits, identifying common appliances, switches, electrical safety and important scientific vocabulary. Our main investigation will be to investigate how and why a lamp will turn on in a simple circuit (based on whether the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery). The children will be encouraged to think scientifically in all lessons and participate in discussions.

History & Geography

History will be our first focus of the Autumn term through a study of Ancient Egypt. We will develop the children's historical enquiry skills through questioning of historical sources to investigate and find out how a range of Pharaohs brought about reform and trade to the ancient world.

In Autumn 2 we will be exploring Extreme earth, looking at the formation of mountains, Mount Snowdon and Mount Everest, using Atlases and geographical enquiry. We will research volcanoes and earthquakes with a focus on the San Andreas Fault Case study.



Computing

At the beginning of Autumn term, we will be learning new Coding skills by following the Purple Mash scheme. Nearer to Christmas, we will revise the importance of Online Safety. We will look at key symbols that will help to keep them safe when working online, with an emphasis on not sharing their personal details.

Religious Education

Hinduism will be our first focus of the Autumn term. In this unit, we will study the creation story and explore different deities and Hindu festivals including Diwali. The key question in Autumn 2 is 'Is Mary important for the Christian story? We have invited Reverend Steve to discuss the Christmas story and Mary's role in it. We will also be visiting the local church in the lead in to Advent. We will also explore Mary and her role within Christianity, the hail Mary prayer and the assumption of Mary. The unit will end with the creation of Christmas cards.

PSHE

Our focus for Autumn term is 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Differences'. We will encourage open, honest and respectful discussions in all lessons.



P.E. Our PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday this year. TFG will lead PE on Tuesday afternoons using our hall or the Muga. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing an appropriate PE kit for the weather. Please bring extra/spare kit in a PE bag if necessary. During Thursday lessons, we will focus on hockey and fundamental skills. We will build up to mini matches where children will not only play, but evaluate other players.



Music

We will be using Charanga during our music lessons. Our first unit is called ABBA During these lessons we will learn songs, study rhythm and produce our own beats to the music. Towards Christmas, we will learn traditional Christmas songs and carols and perform in a Year 3 and 4 Production.

French

The study of French will continue from what the children have learnt in Year 3. Following our focus scheme of work, we will learn how to describe, sports and verb 'Faire', parts of the body, and our likes and dislikes me and others and explore birthdays. The unit will end with exploring French Christmas songs.

Art and DT

During Autumn 1, we will be focusing on our charcoal drawing skills storytelling through art. In Autumn 2 we will move onto our Design and Technology unit where we will be designing and making torches. We will link this to what we have learned in Science.

