



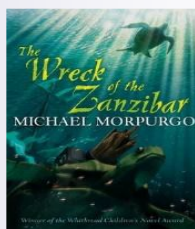
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Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

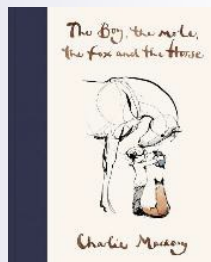
Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready and raring to go as we begin the new school year. We have lots of exciting and engaging activities planned and below you will find an overview of what's coming this term. Be sure to check out the days for PE and daily reading and don't forget to check that your Times Table Rock Star and Century logins are working so that you are ready to do battle and support your in-school learning.

English

Reading: This term we are diving into the adventure of "The Wreck of the Zanzibar" by Michael Morpurgo.



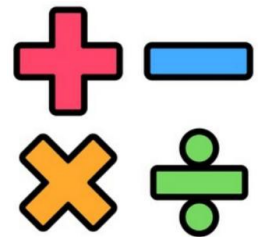
Writing: We are exploring "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" a thoughtful story of hope and caring through narrative writing.



Maths

This term we are starting by building on our prior learning and studying of place value and the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

You can help your child by: making sure that they are working to secure their times tables—slow and steady supports their progress for the MTC test later this year.



History/Geography This term, in History, we will be looking at the Ancient Maya civilisation, their society and beyond and learning about them by examining historical and archaeological evidence to learn about their achievements and way of life. In Geography, we will be investigating why rainforests are important to us. Our exploration will help us to look closely at the relationship between climate and biomes by locating the Amazon rainforest and investigating its physical features and vegetation.

Music



We will be exploring a variety of musical structures through a wide range of musical styles and really unpicking how music makes us feel and react to it.

RE

Pupils explore beliefs, practices morals and belonging through big questions and meaningful discussions.



Spanish

We will be learning numbers to 31, months of the year and greetings.



PE

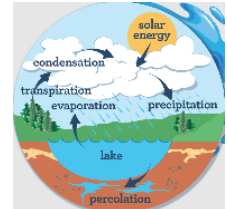
We will be focusing on gymnastics for our indoor PE sessions and in outdoor games focus will be building our hand-eye co-ordination and ball skills through Basketball Hockey.





Science This term we are studying states of matter. We will be exploring how and what causes matter to change, as well as using scientific investigations to group and classify different materials and discover how the water cycle works.

We will also be looking at electricity, including conductors and insulators, building and understanding and problem solving skills relating to electrical circuits and their component parts.



Computing This term we will be learning about computing systems and networks and developing their creativity in an audio production unit.



PSHE

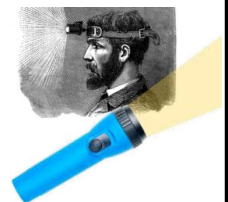
This term we will be exploring the themes of building positive, healthy relationships, celebrating differences and how to be a good friend.



Art/DT

Our Art unit this half term is focused on drawing, exploring tone, texture and proportion to create realistic and expressive drawings, inspired by artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes.

Our Design and Technology unit, next half term will focus on applying scientific understanding of electrical circuits through designing and making a torch using recycled and reclaimed materials.



Key Information

Please remember to send your child to school with the following:

- PE kit will be needed on **Mondays and Wednesdays**
- Homework is sent on a Wednesday and should be completed by the next Tuesday.
- Reading book and reading record should be in school every day (signed at least 3 times a week but preferably daily).
- Water bottle with plain water, clearly labelled with your child's name
- **Healthy snack** for morning break (fruit or vegetables only please)
- Dressed in the correct school uniform, with a suitable coat in case of rain
- **No earrings**
- Hair should be tied back neatly if it is longer than the shoulder.