

Year 4 Spring Term January - March 2022

Fiction: This term the pupils will read 'How to Train your Dragon' by

including persuasive writing, adventure stories and playscripts.

learning spelling patterns, and speaking and listening.

Cressida Cowell. They will use this as a basis for writing in a range of styles

Non-fiction: During the term, the pupils will investigate explanation texts

Spelling and grammar (SPAG), Comprehension & Speaking & Listening:

There will be a continued focus on reading comprehension, formal grammar,

# Form/ Year Group / Section Events (See calendar on school website for more details)

Term begins: Wednesday 5th January

RSE Information Evening webinar: Tuesday 25th January (18:30) Staying safe online workshop for parents: Thursday 3rd February (18:00) 4K Parents' Evening: Tuesday 1st February (17.20)

Inter-house cross-country competition (Parents invited): Friday 18th

February (14:00)

Junior Production: Thursday 17th February

Half-term begins: Friday 18th February (16.10) Half-term ends: Sunday 27th February.

The topics covered this term are as follows:

approximation; Introduce decimals and money.

nets. They will then measure area and perimeter.

The pupils will also have weekly mental arithmetic tests.

capacity and read simple timetables.

Year 3-4 Trip to Hazard Alley: Thursday 17th March (09.00)

Pupils in Year 4 will study Mathematics through a variety of strategies.

including mental maths, written work, problem solving activities and

Number: Subtraction - mental and written methods; Division - using

method of addition; Fractions - compare and order; recognise

equivalence; locate on a number line, relate to decimals; Negative

numbers in context; Comparing and ordering numbers; Estimation and

**Shape:** The pupils will recap properties of 2D shapes, 3D shapes and

Measurement: They will estimate and use scales to accurately measure

**Problem solving:** They will use the four operations of number to solve

repeated subtraction and chunking with remainders and informal written

methods, halving; Multiplication - informal written method of multiplication

(grid), doubling, times tables; Addition - revisit and use of standard written

Term ends: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April (12.00).

speaking and listening tasks.

#### Science

water.

Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education

Boys will consider what it means to be part of a

community, thinking about where they belong and how to

They will look at body language as well as developing

They will also look at the topic of water, thinking about

scarcity around the world and ways we can conserve

strategies to deal with anger and how to respond to

(PSHCE)/Relationships Education

value different contributions.

Properties and changes in materials: Pupils will explore thermal and non-thermal conductors through undertaking various investigations, making scientific observations and relating their uses to everyday life.

States of Matter: Pupils will explore the effect of temperature on liquids and solids and gain a simple also study other materials in everyday life. Through practical challenges, pupils will study methods of separating simple mixtures using evaporation and filtration. Using various cooking activities which rely on change of state, pupils will then progress on to distinguishing the difference between reversible and irreversible changes. They will finish the term making rockets and volcanoes using bicarbonate of soda and

bullvina.

The pupils in Year 4 will study the following topics:

understanding of particle theory. The main focus will be using water to understand the water cycle, but pupils will vinegar.

# Geography

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Reading and writing:

and newspaper articles

The pupils will study a locality which contrasts with their own. Using the region of Karnataka in India they will investigate lifestyles, employment and village life. They will also learn and name the major human and physical features of India. They will compare village and city life in India.

## History

word problems.

The pupils in Year 4 will finish their study of **The Tudors.** They will study and make comparisons of how the rich and poor lived and investigate the important role of Tudor explorers.

The pupils will then move on to studying Pre-History, looking at the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age, considering how we know about these historical periods without written records.

## Religious Education (RE)

Pupils in Year 4 will investigate religious and personal journeys.

They will study the journeys of various Old Testament people before reflecting on their own journey of life. The course encourages pupils to reflect on their own lives and to relate modern day emotions with older stories.

#### **French**

This term the pupils will revise vocabulary they have previously learned, beginning to write sentences and giving opinions. Topics covered will include pencil case items, numbers, days and months, and beginning to write about themselves.

# Computing

The pupils in Year 4 will study the following topics:

e-Safety: Pupils will learn the importance of protecting themselves and their friends and know what can be seen online and by whom.

**Programming:** Pupils will explore an online programming application to make a game, creating simple algorithms while learning how to test and debug their work.

#### **Drama**

In the first half of this term the pupils will work on the Junior Section production, 'Rainbow Spectacular'.

Grammar relating to gender and the agreement of the words used will be introduced. There will be a focus on the importance of accuracy.	Technology in our lives: Pupils will explore websites and discover how to decide if information is reliable or not and use keywords for searching.  Data Handling: Pupils will learn how to present data in different ways.	
They will complete a written assessment	0 ( D : T   1 (ODT)	
Art	Craft, Design Technology (CDT)	Music
In Year 4 the pupils will enter the Young Art Oxford competition. They will	With the COVID restrictions in schools, the sharing of tools in the CDT	The pupils in Year 4 will study the following topics this
develop their own unique entry based upon the given title.	room is not permissible until further notice and hence a changed CDT	term.
The term's topic will be <b>Indian Art</b> .	curriculum is in place.	
Sketchbook work: They will explore mark making, using a wide range of		Singing: The pupils will learn to sing songs from the
drawing and printing materials.	Pupils will continue to undergo a series of STEM projects	musical Eddie the Penguin saves the world in a variety of
History through art: In this unit they will respond to artwork produced by		styles. They will practise singing with clear diction,
traditional Indian methods	Pupils will also make a marble run and a balsa wood boat.	sustaining phrases, maintaining a vocal ostinato and
Stories through art: In the final unit they will study art history, learning to		singing in two parts. There will be opportunities for solo
read pictures from religious sources from which they can create personal	Easter activities will also be a highlight of the term	singing.
responses.		
		Reading and Understanding Written Music
		Pupils will learn how to read the notes on the musical staff
		in a variety of clefs. They will learn how to discern pitch
		and intervals from these. They will do this by playing
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		recorders (all will be thoroughly washed before each use
		to ensure covid safety).
Games	Physical Education (PE)	Swimming
The major team sport this term will be <b>football.</b> The pupils will develop their	The pupils will develop their skills in the following areas:.	Pupils in Year 4 will learn or develop the following skills:
skills through 7-a-side games and practice sessions. They will improve their	Basketball: Pupils will recap the basic skills of dribbling, passing and	front crawl; back crawl; relay racing; types of supine
kicking, passing, shooting, throw-ins, free-kicks, penalties and tackling. They	shooting and use these skills in small-sided games.	floating; breathing and timing when doing breaststroke.
will develop their understanding of positional play and tactics. They will	Hockey: They will gain familiarity with the hockey stick and how to control	They will also improve their stamina through sustained
participate in inter-school and house matches. All pupils will follow the ISFA	a moving ball.	swimming and their shallow dives into breaststroke.
and FA Small-sided Football Guidelines.		