

Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to 12×12 , including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$ so $12/4 = 3$). Knowing this helps them in all areas of their maths learning.

Reading



It is important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly (children will be rewarded for bringing in reading records everyday).

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

Spring 1 Coffee Mornings and workshops

Please remember to read the weekly school newsletter for important information such as any upcoming coffee mornings or workshops.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at hometime or via the school office.



Year 4
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Our topic this half term is:

Mayan Civilization



The Year 4 topic for Spring will be *Mayan Civilization*. Children will learn about the Maya, looking at geographical and archaeological aspects of this particular time Period in Mesoamerica.

The year 4 Team:

Wilson Class: Sadari Shakes
Dahl Class: Jordan Tamblyn
Morpurgo Class: Paul Colebrook
Support Staff: Azemine Ademi

Important Dates

Wow Day—14th January

Dogs Trust visit—22nd January

British Museum Trip—24th January

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Harry Potter Day—7th February

Science

In Science this half term, Year 4 are learning about the topic Sound. During this topic, we'll be learning about:

- **How sound is made/ travels.**
- **How the human ear detects sound**
- **Pitch, tone and volume**
- **Transmitting sounds/ instruments**



Maths



In maths, we are focusing on improving our approach to problem solving and developing a mastery approach where all children will gain a deep understanding of topics.

This half term, some of the things we'll be looking at:

- Area and perimeter of 2D shapes.
- Comparing, rounding, multiplying and dividing, adding and subtracting decimal numbers.
- Time (telling the time using an analogue clock-face, measurements of time, reading the 12hr and 24hr clock, time comparisons).

English

We will be looking at a range of different genres in English and will write for a range of purposes including play-scripts, recounts, diary entries, stories, poems and newspapers.

Our focus will be on use of language, authorial intent and view points and structures of texts.

We will study the book 'The Great Kapoke Tree' by Lynne Cherry which is a story about the Amazon Rainforest.

We will read a wide range of text types in our reading sessions focusing on retrieving information and reading between the lines.

There will also be daily work on grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Humanities and Topic

History

In history, we'll be looking at the archaeology and history of Mesoamerica/ Central America.



Art

In art, children will be finding out about Rainforests and building a Mayan temple. This unit will encompass modelling, painting and mixed-media.



Computing

In computing this half term, we'll be exploring Wikis and developing our own Mayan Civilization wiki and Sound wiki presenting the learning of the whole year group.



R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Islam and the importance of The Hajj.

