



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	<p>In English, Year 4 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through fiction texts including; Little Red, The Butterfly Lion and River. We will explore writing our own version of a familiar narrative and focus particularly on writing to persuade and explain.</p> <p>During this half term, we will also be looking at fiction and nonfiction texts to build more confidence in answering a range of questions. Daily spelling lessons will help children to learn new spelling patterns and will also cover the Year ¾ spelling words.</p> <p>Handwriting lessons will encourage children to join their writing, sizing and spacing letters correctly whilst writing with increasing speed. Your child will take part in a weekly whole group reading session and will be heard read by an adult twice a week in a smaller focus group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Encourage your child to seize as many writing opportunities as possible.
Maths	<p>In Maths, the class will be revisiting the concepts of Place Value. This is an important topic as it underpins many Mathematical concepts. The children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills to gain a deeper understanding of number and the role of calculations in manipulating numbers. The children will have a weekly times tables lesson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to revise times tables up to 12x.
Science	<p>In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic of "Animals Including Humans". This is a really fun topic learning all about teeth and the digestive system. The children will be learning through lots of practical activities and scientific exploration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about how we look after our teeth.
Geography	<p>In Geography this half term, pupils will be learning about Rivers. They will learn the features of a river and all about our local river, the River Swale.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your child about the features of a river. • Talk to your children about the rivers that you have visited.
PE	<p>In PE, we will be focusing on football and lacrosse. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. • Discuss with your child how to keep their uniform organised when changing for swimming.

RE	In RE, pupils will be answering the learning question," Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?". The children will be learning about Jesus and why some people, who are called Christians, see Jesus as a role model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss different beliefs about God • Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt.
Latin	In Year 4, Children will continue to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, the children will learn about prepositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children which new Latin words they have learnt that week.
Computer Science and IT	The children will learn about networks and how we access the internet from our computer.	
Online Safety	Children in Year 4 will learn about managing their online identity, learning what sort of information is acceptable to share online and how to consider who they should be sharing information with.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at the topics 'People who help me' and 'Relationships'. The children will reflect and develop their opinions about the people around them and how they can manage their relationships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what healthy friendships look and feel like.
Virtue	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is kindness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what looks like in day to day scenarios.