



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 4

Half Term 3

Topic: Light Up the World



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; The Promise. 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.</p> <p>Daily spelling lessons will help children to learn new spelling patterns and will also cover the Year 4 spelling words.</p> <p>Daily handwriting lessons will encourage children to join their writing, sizing and spacing letters correctly whilst writing with increasing speed.</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 Division and Fractions. 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to revise 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 6, 9 and 7 times tables. • Count in 25s.
Science	<p>In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic of "Electricity". The children will be investigating simple circuits with practical equipment and will be exploring how to stay safe around electricity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the electrical appliances that you have at home. • Ask: How can we be safe around electricity? How can you safely charge devices?
Geography	<p>In Geography this half term, pupils will be exploring Longitude, Latitude and the Prime Meridian. They will explore how a country's position on the globe impacts its climate and time zone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss countries you have visited and their time zones.
PE	<p>In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics and dance. 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.
RE	<p>In RE, pupils will be answering the learning question "Why do some people think life is a journey?". The children will be learning about the Hindu faith and the core values which underpin the religion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss different beliefs about God • Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt.
Latin	<p>In Year 4, Children will continue to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will start to learn numbers in Latin and apply that knowledge to their sentence translating skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children which new Latin words they have learnt that week.
Computer Science and IT	<p>Children will learn about producing audio sounds on the computer.</p>	

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Online Safety</p>	<p>Children in Year 4 will learn how they can form safe online relationships They will use laptops in class to access ICT lessons and online learning websites as well as other lessons across the curriculum. During these lessons, children will be made aware of the rules they need to follow to remain safe while using the internet. The children will have online safety lessons to teach them how to be safe online and what to do if something makes them feel unsafe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Personal, Social and Health Education</p>	<p>In PSHE, your child will look at the topic “Mental Wellbeing”. Children will reflect on how to improve their mental well-being and the steps to take when they are not feeling their best.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss ways to promote positive mental health.
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Virtue</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Our virtue for this half term is bravery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what bravery looks like in day to day scenarios.