Year 4 Autumn 2
2026 - 2027

Brilliant Brazil!

This half term the children will explore the physical and human Geography of Brazil.

English

Poetry Unit: The River by Valerie Bloom.
We will be using The Write Stuff approach to allow pupils to use drama and real-life experiences to help construct their writing and create their own poems.

Fiction Unit - The Great Chocoplot.
The children have loved reading this in storytime and in their reading lessons. They will now have the opportunity to be authors and write their own versions. We will be focussing on the use of descriptive language, fronted adverbials and ensuring they are proof-reading for spelling and punctuation accuracy. They will then innovate and write their own story using these skills.

Non-fiction unit: Once upon a Raindrop
Pupils will use their science knowledge on changing states to write about the journey of a raindrop on the water cycle. They will need to use precise vocabulary and technical language in this non-fiction piece of writing.

Transcription:
Pupils will have three sessions a week that encompasses spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting. These sessions will work to help pupils learning in these areas to develop and become more automatic with repeated exposure so the skills become embedded.

Maths

In maths this half term the pupils will begin by exploring subtraction. We will then move on to look at Multiplication and Division exploring the mental and written methods needed to solve these problems.We will continue to practise our times tables daily using times tables rockstars in preparation for the Year 4 times tables check.

Science

Pupils will study the topic '**Looking at States**'. We will learn about states of matter and compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe how some materials change state when heated or cooled, and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Geography.

Big Question - What would I see if I visited Brazil?

Pupils will investigate:
What do you already know about Brazil?
What are the physical features Brazil is known for?
Which famous cities in Brazil attract tourists and why?
What can you find out about one of Brazil's neighbouring countrie
What can you find out about the favelas of Brazil?
What can you find out about Brazilian culture?
Can you tell me about the importance of the Amazon rainforest?

Computing

Children will learn about:

Pupils will be learning about programming using shape repetition. Pupils will be using a variety of resources including: Turtle Academy, School360 and Logo software.



MFL/French

In French we will be learning the names of foreign European languages and looking at which countries border France and some of the shared celebrations and traditions in French speaking Europe.

RE

In RE the children will explore the big question 'What is it like to follow God?'

Worship

Our Worship themes this half term:

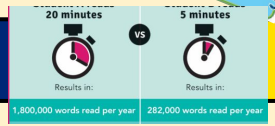
- Fire Safety
- Remembrance
- Anti Bullying week
- Receiving as well as giving - Servic
- Advent
- Christmas
- Christmas around the world



Home Learning

Reading: We encourage all children to read as much as possible, both at school and at home. All pupils will be allocated a reading scheme book and a class library book to read every night. Please listen to your child read regularly and write a comment in their reading record every week.

Maths homework will be set on My Maths and any additional homework will be set on Google Classroom.



Useful Websites:

www.letterjoin.co.uk – username: light password: shine – useful to practise joined up writing
www.activelearn.co.uk – children have a password and username so they can logon to Bug Club (reading scheme)
www.timestablesrockstars.co.uk - (username and passwords are in the children's planners)

Dates for your diary:

w/c 9th November - Book Fair in School -Information to follow.
w/c 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 20th Nov - Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 2nd December - Christmas Lunch
Friday 4th December - Non-Uniform Day - Tombola Prize
w/c 7th December - Christmas Plays - Information to follow
w/c 14th December - Christmas Crafternoon - Information to follow
Monday 14th December - pele Trust Carol Concert
PLEASE SEE FLYER FOR ALL CONFIRMED DATES

PSHE

This unit teaches "How do we treat each other with respect?"

Music

Pupils will be studying recorder this half term with our specialist music teacher Mrs Ogden. If possible children should bring in their own recorder from home each Wednesday. We will also take part in KS2 singing practise once a week.

DT

Pupils will be designing and making their own recipe based on Fairtrade and Chocolate.

PE

In PE this half term, Year 4 will be learning orienteering and personal skills and challenge as well as continuing with their swimming lessons.

Things to remember:

Reading Record, reading book and water bottle need to come into school each day. Homework is set every Thursday

Check our school app Class Dojo regularly for updates about what we have been learning in Year 4. Please remember that teachers will not read or respond to private messages on Dojo. Please notify absence through the school office as normal.