Year 4 Autumn 2025

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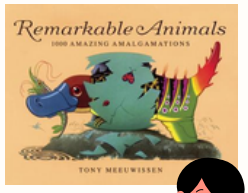
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Autumn Term

Welcome back!

A brand-new term means new opportunities, fresh challenges, and exciting adventures ahead. Let's step into this term with positivity, curiosity, and determination to do our best.

Our books this term are Remarkle Animals and The Barnabus Project



English

Our very first key text of the year is 'Remarkable Animals'. Our writing will focus on securing our understanding of nouns, adjectives and verbs, creating exciting noun phrases and using accurate punctuation, such as commas, within our sentences. Spelling lessons will focus on the rules of adding the suffixes –y and –ing to root words. These skills will enable us to write a description about the unique animals we have created ourselves.

Our second key text will be based on the wonderful story 'The Barnabus Project'. During this unit, we will be revising the key features of sentence structure and the consistent use of accurate punctuation and grammar. Unfortunately, Barnabus and his friends are trapped against their will in an underground science laboratory! The children will be working towards writing an accurate setting description of where Barnabus is located in order for him to be rescued.

Maths

Year 4 maths will begin with understanding 4-digit numbers up to 10,000. We will be deconstructing these larger numbers using our knowledge of place-value to partition them into their constituent components. This will lay the foundations of performing calculations on larger values.

Science

This half term we will be looking at the basic parts of the digestive system and the different types of teeth. We will go on to investigate food chains in the animal word – identifying producers, predators and prey.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to help us understand how to keep safe online. Our lessons will cover how to protect ourselves online, identifying the risks and benefits of installing software/apps and identifying the positive/negatives of technology on our health and environment.

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Spanish



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We look forward to another year of learning Spanish with Miss Wheeler. We will venture further into the written word.

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This half term we will be exploring the question, 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will be reading a range of Bible extracts and finding out how Christians interpret this today.



Accelerated Reader



We are continuing to use our Accelerated Reader scheme. Once again, it is vitally important that you encourage your child to read every day and to 'quiz' on their book at school once they have completed it before bringing home a new book.

Art/Design & Technology

Linking to our key text 'The Barnabas Project', we will be designing and creating our very own 'furry friends' using felt and a variety of joining techniques including stitching.

History



We are kicking off the year by delving into Ancient Greece. Our enquiry question 'What makes a Great Leader?' will enable us to study Greek life, their achievements and influences on the western world.



A note on homework:



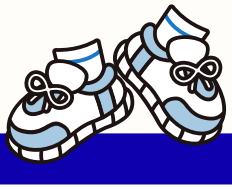
Homework takes the form of:

- 10 minutes daily reading
- 10 minutes daily times tables practice
- Weekly Maths and Spelling homework which will be sent home in homework books

Maths and Spelling will be provided on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday. My Maths log-ins will be provided for you to access your online account for when My Maths tasks are set.
We greatly appreciate your help in supporting your child at home in these activities (it really does make a difference!)

P.E.

P.E. for both classes will be on a Wednesday afternoon. As we are entering the cooler days of autumn, please include a warm long-sleeved top or hoodie (black), tracksuit trousers and sturdy trainers for outdoor PE lessons



Dates for diary

1st October - 31st October -Black History Month

Friday 10th October - Y3 Harvest Festval Family Event

Monday 13th October - Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Raffle

27th -3st October - Half-Term

Thursday 20th November - PTA Movie Night

Friday 21st November - Flu Vaccines

Friday 12th December - PTA Elfridges

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