Year 4 Autumn 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

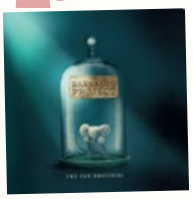
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Autumn Term

Welcome to our Curriculum Newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term.

Our books this term are The Barnabus Project and Penguins





English

Our first text for Autumn 2 is '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.

Our second text will be 'Penguins' which will help us write effective information texts, learning about the purpose of organisational devices used in non-narrative writing and how to use them in our own writing. We will also be learning how presentation, structure and language all contribute to meaning. As we begin to plan, draft and write our own information texts, we will learn how to vary the way we start a sentence and how to include rich, varied vocabulary.

Maths

We will be starting this half term with looking at how to measure the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. We will continue to develop our rapid recall of times tables including the related division facts. By the end of the half term we hope to have our 6x, 9x,11x and 12x tables cracked, which will then complete the set of all times tables up to 12x12.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways and use classification keys to help group and identify living things. We will also look at environments that change and how this can affect living things in a number of ways.

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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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RE



In RE we will be exploring the question of 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?'



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.

Geography



Our topic is entitled 'Why does Antarctica matter?' and in order to answer this question, we will need to be familiar with the position and significance of the Equator, the Tropics and the Northern and Southern hemispheres. We will learn about climate zones, biomes and vegetation as well as looking at the distribution of natural resources.



A note on homework:



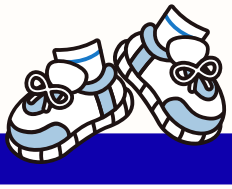
Homework takes the form of:

- 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

Monday 8th December - Christmas Sing-along 9:00am

Friday 12th December - Kemp Rudolph Run & PTA Elfidges Christmas Shop

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Services for pupils

Thusrday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumpers

Monday 5th January 2026 - School re-opens to pupils

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