



Curriculum News

Autumn 2 - Year 4

English:

In English, we are writing explanation texts. We are using some short films from Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions series to inspire our writing. We will then move on to look at the book *Until I Met Dudley*.

We are learning spellings from the Year 3 and 4 list. We will also be using commas to separate clauses in sentences.

Maths:

In maths, we are learning about decimals. We have learned about the value of tenths and hundredths using place value counters and place value grids. We are learning to use decimals when thinking about money and measurement.

Later in the term, we will learn to classify shapes. We will be identifying lines of symmetry and ordering angles.

Reading:

In guided reading, we will be learning four key skills: predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising.

Children will bring home a reading book from school, which they need to read each night. After reading, children need to write a short summary in their reading record. Reading records and books need to be brought to school every day.

In **R.E.** we are learning about welcome rituals. We will be thinking about what a ritual is and why rituals are important to people. We will then learn about the Christian Baptism ceremony. We will compare this with welcome rituals from other religions.

In **Science** we are learning about sound. We will be learning about what causes sounds, investigating pitch, making our own instruments and carrying out an investigation.



Diary Dates

13th—17th November

Anti Bullying Week

17th November

Parent coffee morning

30th November

Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6
(School closes at 2pm)

11th December

Choir at Regents Hall Concert

12th December

Seasonal Songs Concert—Years 4, 5 and 6

15th December

Last day of term—school closes at 2pm.

3rd Jan 2018

Children return back to school

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November 2017

In **PSHE** we will be thinking about 'Getting On and Falling Out'. We will also be focussing on Anti-Bullying during national Anti-Bullying week.

We are continuing to learn about our brain. This term we will focus on being mindful. We will try mindful listening, mindful moving and even mindful eating.

In **P.E.** we are learning gymnastics skills and how to keep ourselves safe. We will continue to go to Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. All children have already made a lot of progress in their confidence and their swimming ability.

Home Learning:

As well as reading at home, children need to practise their times tables. Your child knows which times tables they need to be working on for their Bronze, Silver or Gold badge. There will be a times tables test each week.

Your child also needs to learn all the words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list. They need to practise a few words every day.