Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 1 2025

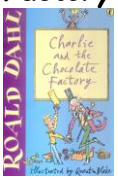
Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. This half term, Year 4's overall theme is, '**Who am I and who am I becoming?**' which will feature in all the thematic areas of the curriculum. Below is a short summary of the term's subjects.

As writers…

- By the end of this unit children will have produced an independent narrative.
- This narrative will have a central character who will meet a different character in a fantastical setting.
- They will describe the reactions of the two characters.

Book focus: '*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*' by Roald Dahl



As scientists, we will…

- Understand how simple food chains work.
- Understand how teeth help digestion
- Name the tooth types.
- Understand the process of digestion, label the organs involved and their functions as the food journeys through the body.
- Recreate a digestive system to allow for understanding of function of the organs.

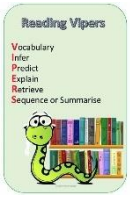
As mathematicians we will be learning to…

Place value:

- Know that 10 hundreds are equivalent to 1 thousand, and that 1,000 is 10 times the size of 100.
- Apply this to identify and work out how many 100s there are in other four-digit multiples of 100.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in four-digit numbers and compose and decompose four-digit numbers using standard and non-standard partitioning.
- Reason about the location of any four-digit number in the linear number system, including identifying the previous and next multiple of 1,000 and 100, and rounding to the nearest of each.
- Divide 1,000 into 2, 4, 5 and 10 equal parts, and read scales/number lines marked in multiples of 1,000 with 2, 4, 5 and 10 equal parts.

Addition and subtraction:

- Mental strategies
- Adding 3 and 4-digit numbers with one exchange



As readers…

We will continue practising the VIPERS skills: vocabulary, inferencing, predicting, explaining, retrieving, and summarising through a range of texts.

As good citizens…
We are focusing the theme 'Who am I and who am I becoming?' We will be exploring our heritage and learning more about ourselves as young members of our community.

As athletes…
We are working on our football skills this term, breaking down the components that make the game, and the teamwork required to perform. As well as focusing on our fitness.

As geographers…
We are looking at identifying the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn on a world map, atlas and globe as well as Naming and locating key topographical features of the United Kingdom.

As theologians…
We will be focusing on learning how Dharmic religions explain the origins on the Universe.

As musicians…
We are learning to sing and play 'Mamma Mia' by Abba. We will use glockenspiels and Garage Band to improvise parts of the song.

As historians…
We are focusing on chronology, and the ordering of key dates, analysing different views on them, and recognising their impact on the world today.

Who am I
and
Who am I Becoming?

As aspiring designers and entrepreneurs…
We will be learning how to sketch lightly (no need to use a rubber to correct mistakes). The children will use shading to show light and shadow, and how to draw with a range of dry materials to create 3D objects.

In computing…
We are increasing our awareness of E-safety as well as coding work.

As linguists…
We will be beginning to learn Mandarin this term, starting with the Chinese Zodiac.

Notices and reminders

- Children will be given a half term overview for homework. These will include a maths, English and spelling section. Please complete the English homework on the lined pages and the maths homework on the plain pages. Homework will go out on Fridays and must be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- PE is on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child is sent into school wearing the correct kit on those days.
- Children should be reading daily either independently or with you. This must be recorded by them/you in their reading records. These will be checked weekly.
- Ensure your child brings in their iPads, reading records and reading books every day.
- *LEARNING TIMES TABLE FACTS UP TO 12 X 12 IS **IMPERATIVE** IN YEAR 4. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN LEARNING AND PRACTISING MULTIPLICATION FACTS.*
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office, or catch us on the playground before or after school.

Year 4 Team

Owl
Class Teachers: Miss Sales

Magpie
Class Teacher: Miss Swinney

Year 4 Teaching Assistant: Miss Sarah, Mrs Petch