



Welcome to Class 4 – Autumn

Dear Parents, a warm welcome to Class 4! We are really looking forward to welcoming each of you into Year 1 and 2. This year, the children will be learning an exciting and busy curriculum and we hope to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school issues through school newsletters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 1 and 2, so here is the first one of the school year! Please speak to Miss Hobson or Mrs. Bowler if you have any queries. Thank you.

English

This term, in English we will be exploring the following genres: recounts of real and fictional events and poetry. Throughout this term, the children will learn how to:

- * use different sentence types and punctuation (Capital letters . ? !) for different purposes.

Year 1

- * using spaces between words, punctuating a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop, and writing on the line.
- * independently write simple sentences.
- * building up unknown words using phonic sounds, and learning to spell correctly some tricky key words.
- * to form lower case letters correctly, string in the correct position.

Year 2

- * begin to use adjectives, verbs and conjunctions to add extra details into their sentences.
 - * begin to edit their work to check for errors and improve it to make their writing more interesting.
 - * develop their reading and comprehension skills
 - * begin to join letters (cursive).
- Throughout Year 2, we will also be learning new spelling patterns and key words.

Maths

The main areas we will cover this term are:

Year 1

- Place Value (within 10)
- Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry – Shape

The children will be learning to form digits from 0 to 9 correctly. We will spend time each week practising to count to 100, forwards and backwards, recognising odd and even numbers, memorising number bonds to 10, and counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2

- Knowledge of Number and Place Value (working with 2 and 3-digit numbers).
- Addition and Subtraction (both mentally and using written column methods, including money).
- Identifying, describing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes.

We will spend time each week working on our fluency of facts which will include looking at number bonds to 5 and 10, looking at composition of numbers 7-9 (e.g. I know that 7 is made of 5 and 2) and solving addition facts using equations (e.g. $5+3=7$)



History and Geography

We are really looking forward to learning about the Space Race this term! We will begin with learning about how transport has changed over time and some important milestones along the way. We will look at the first moon landing and the famous words of Neil Armstrong. We will be focusing on the historical vocabulary that the children are using such as 'in the past', 'many years ago', 'in the future' and 'now'. Children will also learn about how Thornaby has changed over time.

In Geography, we will be looking at human and physical features of Thornaby and will learn how to create simple maps. We'll also help some special physical features of Thornaby and will learn how to create simple maps. We'll also help some special visitors escape from a snow maze using compass directions!

R.E.

This term in R.E., we will be beginning with our Creation and Covenant topic. We will learn about the different parts of the Bible and the story of Noah. We will learn about God's special promise with Noah and all creatures. Our second topic is Prophecy and Promise. We will learn stories from Luke's Gospel and the liturgical season of Advent and be introduced to John the Baptist.

This year, the children will also begin planning and delivering collective worship and liturgies as we learn more about our faith with our class family.



P.E.

Our topic in P.E. is invasions games, where we will be learning many new skills. Tag rugby is our first unit. We will work on our catching, passing the ball, coordination and movement into space. After this we will move onto gymnastics where we will learn to move and control our bodies. We will think about balances and creating simple routines that can be repeated. P.E. is on Thursday and Friday each week.

Science

We will begin Science this term with our 'Animal including Humans' topic, during which we will explore how animals change throughout their life cycle, what they need to survive and how their habitats are different. We will look at our own bodies and learn what we need to stay healthy. We will observe how exercise affects our bodies and learn how to record this information using a bar chart.

Art, Music and D&T



Our Art topic this term is focusing on our class artist, Georges Seurat. The children will develop their line drawing skills and pointillism painting technique by drawing and painting Roseberry Topping or Saltburn in the style of George Seurat's iconic 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte'. In music, our lessons will focus on songs from Spain, as we will be celebrating International Language and Music Day. We will also be learning about Black History music, and Christmas carols. In D and T, the children will be designing and making their own 3D model of a famous Thornaby landmarks!

Computing

This term in Computing, our topics are 'What is a Computer?' during which we will be learning about the different parts of a computer and how they help us. In our 'Presenting Information' topic, we will learn how to capture photographs and edit them. We will also explore e-safety rules and learning how to keep ourselves safe online.

French

In French we will learn lots of new vocabulary. We will study colours and numbers to ten. We will also learn key vocabulary for different forms of transport and jungle animals. We will sing lots of songs in French that will help us to learn and remember!

Homework

Children in Class 4 are expected to do **30 minutes homework every school night**. This consists of:

- Ten minutes reading with an adult
- Ten minutes practising spellings of the week (see full list in your child's reading record) using the look, say, cover, write, check method;
- Ten minutes focusing on maths particularly learning times tables and fluency facts.

Homework books will go home on a Friday and return the following Thursday, when children will be tested on their spellings and fluency in maths.

Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support!

Important Dates!

A calendar with upcoming dates and events will be sent out very soon!

Please keep checking our school social media profiles, so that we can share all the exciting things that are going on in our school...

...And don't forget to visit our website for more information

<http://www.stpatricksthornaby.org.uk/>

