



Computing: The children will be learning about the history of animation and create their own animations based on trade within Baghdad.

Design Technology : This term, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own cam powered automaton. The children will develop a range of skills from sanding to measuring and sawing.

Uniform: Children need to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. Jumpers and cardigans can be worn in class; fleeces are for outdoor wear only. Trousers and skirts should be charcoal grey in colour. Children should wear plain, black shoes. We take pride in our school and are very proud of how smart the children look when wearing the correct uniform. Your support in this area would be appreciated.

PE lessons: This term, PE lessons in year 4 will take place on a Monday and Tuesday . On PE days, children are expected to come into school wearing their PE kit. Children are to wear black, dark grey or navy jogging bottoms; a plain white top; their school jumper and a pair of trainers. During swimming lessons your child will need to bring with them suitable swimming trunks for boys, a full one-piece swimming costumes for girls and a towel in a bag. Long hair should be tied back, and no earrings or jewellery are to be worn under any circumstances. A swimming cap and goggles are optional.

Water bottle: Children should bring a water bottle into school everyday to keep in the classroom. Please ensure this holds a maximum of 750ml.

Snack: As we encourage healthy eating throughout the school, the children may bring fruit and vegetables or a snack bar to eat during break time.

Home learning: Home learning will be uploaded to the school website every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. We will alternate maths and English on a two weekly basis. It is important that home learning is completed to the best of your child's ability and handed in on time.

Children should also be practising their times tables and spellings on a weekly basis in preparation for their tests in school.

Show and Tell: An updated show and tell letter will be sent home shortly. The letter will contain a date for your child to bring something special into school to share with the class.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 21st March — Ash Class performance at 9:15am and Magnolia Class performance at 2:30pm

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Spring Term

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Welcome back to year 4. We hope you all had a fantastic break over the festive period and managed to spend some time with loved ones and make lots of fun memories. As always, we value the support the children receive from the adults at home. As such, it is important that the children arrive promptly for school in the morning to ensure that no learning time is missed.

Year 4 team...

Miss Knight (Ash Class Teacher)

Miss Jenkins (Magnolia Class Teacher)

Mrs Underhill (Class teacher)

Mrs Stonehouse (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Hamblett (Phase 2 School Based Tutor)

Mrs Higgins (Year 2/3/4 Phase Leader)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions.

Our learning experience

We are really excited about this term's learning experience, which is called 'You could be great you know. It's all in your head'. Throughout the topic, we will be learning about the successes and failures of different leaders over time to help us answer our big question, 'What makes a good leader?' Our journey through history will begin with Caliph Al-Mansur and his leadership within Baghdad. We will then continue through time to the reign of Henry VIII and his leadership as monarch. We will also learn about the leadership of Boris Johnson throughout his role as Prime Minister, focusing on the coronavirus pandemic. The outcome of this learning experience will be our performance which will showcase the children's learning of each of the different leaders through a variety of arts.

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English: Our key text for this term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling. This text is always a favourite with the children and we will use the story to write letters of complaint, newspaper articles, potion poetry and write our own narratives based on the text. Every week the children will have spellings in line with our phonics curriculum in order to meet the needs of the children- we would like them to practice these at home.

Maths: This term we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of the written methods for multiplication and division. We will also be covering up to the 12 times-table, measuring the area of shapes, calculating fractions and introducing the children to decimals. Every week, Ash class and Magnolia class will be competing in a battle on Times-table Rock Stars to support their learning of the times-table facts. Please encourage your child to engage with this programme at home.

Science: Our Science topic for this term is States of Matter. During this topic, the children will gain an understanding of the properties of solids, liquids and gases. The children will complete investigations and learn how heating and cooling can change a material's state of matter. We will also make links to the water cycle.

PE: This term, our indoor PE sessions will focus on dance and yoga. Our outdoor PE sessions after February half term will focus on basketball. Our PE days are on Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure the children come into school in their PE kits on these days. The children are required to wear their blue school jumper with their PE kits and PE sessions will take place outdoors so it is strongly advised the children always bring a coat into school. The children will continue their swimming lessons on a Tuesday concluding on the 6th February.

Art: In art, we will be studying the artist's Hans Holbein and his self portraits based on famous monarchs. The children will be learning how to draw their own face in proportion and how they can be up-scaled to a larger canvas. They will pay particular attention to the shape of their facial features and represent this in the style of our chosen artist.

RE: This term, we will focus on how different religions view animals and the life of Jesus.

French: The children will be learning about a range of musical instruments and continue to learn French vocabulary that they will use in simple phrases.

Music: The children will be learning to read musical notation to play Greensleeves on the glockenspiel. This will be showcased during our final performance for you to see.

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