



Autumn Term – Year 4

Reading

Class Book – ‘My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright’ by Marcia Williams.

In reading we will work on our retrieval skills, making sure we answer questions carefully where it asks for specific wording from the text. If there are any words that we are unsure of, we will use a dictionary to find out the meaning. We will also learn how to answer questions focused on using inference skills to deduce characters’ thoughts and feelings and help explain actions.

Writing

In writing we will be learning new grammar features including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and how to use a range of conjunctions. We will be writing character and setting descriptions, a newspaper report about the World War II bombings and a recount of our school trip. We will also learn a number of spelling rules including a range of prefixes and suffixes.

Maths

In maths we are learning about number, place value and rounding. We will begin by learning about Roman numerals and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also be ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000 and will learn to recognise the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number. After this, we will focus on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to practise our times tables up to 12 x 12.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday.
School reading books are to be brought to school every day.

Topic
Behind Enemy Lines (World War II)

British Value	PSHE Value
Individual Liberty	SEALS – New Beginnings/Say No To Bullying.

Visits / events
Eden Camp

History

In history we will focus on World War II. We will look at how and why it began, the world leaders at the time, evacuees, rationing and propaganda posters.

Geography

The children will be learning about the different features and characteristics of countries in Europe.

Science

In science we will be studying sound. We will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with vibrations. We will also look at the pitch and volume of a sound.

RE

In RE we will learn about keys aspects of Hindu belief and worship. We are focussing on British Hindus and will find out some key Hindu beliefs and how these are expressed in thoughts and actions.

Computing

We will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly. We will also design and write a program that accomplishes a specific goal.

Art

In art we will use pastels to create poppy scenes and memorial images, thinking about tone and detail.

DT

We are going to use our sewing skills to create individual poppies that will be sewn together to make a poppy wreath.

Music

We will be performing in an ensemble context learning how to use our voices effectively. We will be learning to sing 'Mamma Mia' by Abba.

PE

In PE we will be performing dances using a range of movement patterns. We will also be taking part in outdoor adventure challenges both individually and as a team.

MFL

In school we are now learning French. The children will begin by learning basic greetings, colours and numbers.

Key messages and dates:

Individual and sibling photographs – Tuesday 18th September.
 Parent consultations – Tuesday 25th/Wednesday 26th September.
 Harvest Performance – KS2 (Y3-6) – Thursday 4th October – 9:15am.
 Half Term – school finishes on **Friday 26th October** and reopens on **Monday 5th November**
 Year 3 and 4 class assembly – Thursday 29th November.
 INSET day (staff training) – Friday 30th November
 Christmas Performance – Thursday 13th December (there will be a morning and an afternoon performance).