





This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home.

	At School	At Home
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing setting and character descriptions using adjectives, adverbs and prepositions to paint a clear picture for the reader Writing instructions with clear sections and concise sentences In reading lessons we will be using skimming and scanning skills to look through a text to find key words and information, as well as answering questions using inference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your child to read at least four times a week. Read with your child to promote a love of reading. <p>Our class novel will be “Small” by Hannah Moffatt</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the place value of each digit in a 4 digit number Order and compare numbers beyond 1,000 Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000 Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using exchanging Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise any times tables your child is not confident with. Using TT Rockstars for 3 minutes each day can make a huge difference—little and often.
Science	<p>In Science, pupils will investigate the topic ‘States of Matter’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled Explore evaporation and condensation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can pupils identify common solids, liquids and gases around the home?
Geography	<p>In Geography, pupils will answer the question “What journey does the River Tees take?”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name the features of a river landscape and explain how they are formed Identify the most significant rivers in the UK Explore the part that rivers play in the water cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask where the River Tees starts and ends. Can they explain what are the key features of the River Tees? Discuss why flood defences are necessary and how they work.
Art	<p>In Art, Y4 will be studying geometric abstraction through painting.</p> <p>Their key artist will be Robert Delauney, one of the pioneers of abstract art.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk together about Robert Delauney’s artwork. Look for warm and cool colours in paintings.
Music	<p>Y4 will be playing, improvising and composing using a selection of these notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B. Singing and listening will be at the heart of each lesson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about how music brings us together.

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P.S.H.E.	<p>Our PSHE topic is Being Me In My World and pupils will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why being listened to and listening to others is important in their school community Understand who is in their school community, the roles they play and how they fit in Understand how democracy works Explore how actions affect others as well as themselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about how it feels to be included in a group and how it feels to be excluded Discuss with your child some of the choices they might make in the future and what they might not have any control over If you would like access to the PSHE lessons for this half term in more detail, please contact us and we can provide you with an access code.
R.E.	<p>Year 4 will explore the question "Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can they answer the question? Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt about Christianity.
P.E.	<p>In P.E., pupils will be focusing on tag rugby and sportshall athletics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson develop the fundamental skills from each lesson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
Computing	<p>Using Purple Mash "Online Safety"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand that information put online leaves a digital footprint or trail identify the positive and negative influences of technology on health and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Purple Mash website at home to consolidate learning in class practice computing skills. 
Latin	<p>This year, we have chosen to teach Latin because of the rich opportunities that come with learning this ancient language. As well as being a fascinating language in its own right, knowledge of Latin helps to develop literacy skills. Through Latin, children develop their knowledge of spelling and vocabulary through learning Latin roots of English words and deepen their understanding of grammar. Alongside language learning, the study of Roman and Greek civilisations aids cultural literacy, encourages cultural insights and gives opportunities for wide-ranging thinking across many linked subjects (including history, philosophy, art, maths and science).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss any vocabulary links your child has discovered.
Useful Websites	<p> trockstars.com play.numbots.com www.purplemash.com Google BBC Bitesize for English, Maths, Science, GPS and much more </p>	