

Year 4 Purple Class Curriculum Overview

Writing

In Autumn 1 we will be looking at fairy tales and our writing will be linked to our class reader 'The Day I Fell Into A Fairy Tale'. We will write a biography exploring how to describe characters and their lives using a range of skills. We will also be writing a portal story where a character falls into a fairy tale and has to solve problems along the way.

In Autumn 2 our class reader changes to 'How to train a dragon' and we will be using this to write explanation texts about dragons as well as creating our very own defeating the monster story.

Science

Autumn 1 – Animals including humans

We will be learning about the simple functions of the digestive system and identifying the different types of teeth in humans. We will construct and interpret a variety of food chains.

Autumn 2 – States of matter

We will be able to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe how materials change state when heated or cooled, measuring it in degrees Celsius (°C). We will learn about the water cycle and the processes.

Maths

In this term, children will begin to expand their understanding of place value, looking at thousands and understanding what each digit in a four-digit number represents.

Children will also consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction and use this with larger numbers.

Children will consolidate their times table knowledge from previous year groups as well as learn new times tables. They will then continue to build on their understanding of how to record these accurately to solve multiplication and division calculations.

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Autumn 1 – History

Roman Britain

Children will learn about who the Romans were and why they wanted to invade Britain and the impact this had. As well as exploring different perspectives and ways of living at the time. Finishing with exploring the legacy left behind.

Autumn 2 - Geography

British Isles

Children will be able to identify countries, seas and rivers within/around the UK. We will also use maps and learn how to use maps symbols, 4-digit grid references and compasses to locate places. Finishing with comparing places.

Other Foundation areas.

- PE: Autumn 1 - Netball and fundamentals. Autumn 2 – Football and gymnastics.
- PSHE: Autumn 1 - What interests and skills we have. Autumn 2 - How to treat each other with respect.
- RE: In Autumn 1 - Christianity and the Holy Trinity. Autumn 2 – Hindu's beliefs about God.
- Computing: Autumn 1 - The internet.
- Music – Autumn 2 – Learning Christmas songs
- Art: Autumn 1 - Drawing – using texture and tones.
- DT: Autumn 2 – Adapting a recipe

Spelling

Children will recap the spelling patterns previously taught to them as well as building on the understanding of prefixes and suffixes and how to add these correctly to different root words to change the meaning of the word. Children will also recap the Year 3 and 4 Harder to Read and Spell words that they learnt last year.

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Class information

Class teacher: Mr Cornick

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Brogan and Mrs Harris

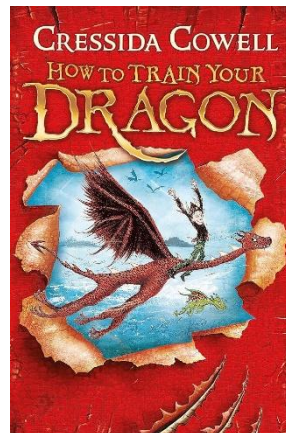
PPA cover: Mrs Hamilton (every other Thursday and starting in October, every Friday)

PE and Forest School

- PE days will be on a Monday and a Friday. During the colder months, your child is allowed to bring a black/blue jumper or hoody to wear. Long black bottoms are also suggested for the colder months.
- Forest school will start in the Spring Term. More information about this will follow.

Class readers

We will have a class reader every term that we will enjoy reading together as a class after our math lessons. We will be reading 'The Day I Fell Into a Fairy Tale' by Ben Miller during Autumn 1 and 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell in Autumn 2.



Homework:

- **Reading** should be completed every day for 20 minutes. Children's books are tailored to their reading level and books/levels will be changed after a star reader assessment.
- **Times Table Rockstar's** Children need to practise TTRS for at least 30 minutes per week. Children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12 including division facts by the end of the year in any random order.

Upcoming Year 4 events:

Trip to Caerleon Roman Baths on 3rd of November