Year 4 Autumn 2

Winter Wonderland

Topic

The children will be performing their Winter Wonderland performance entitled, 'Santa's retirement.' More details will follow nearer the time.

We will be focusing on art and DT in this half term. In art, the children will be studying Ian Bliss. We will be exploring using perspective and different colour tones to create a 3D winter landscape.

During DT, we will be focusing on Christmas decorations and the children will be sewing their very own Christmas decoration.



Writing

The children will be developing their descriptive writing and will be composing a wishing tale. They will then be using a range of figurative language to write their own free verse poems.

Maths

In maths, we will be starting off with addition and subtraction. We will look at doing this mentally as well as using formal written methods to add and subtract up to four-digit numbers. Once secure, they will look at money and apply the formal methods. Learning about how to solve problems that involve these areas of maths, will also be a focus this half term.
As always we will continue to work on times tables throughout every week in our lessons.

Reading

This half term, we will be basing our reading lessons around a book called The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch by Tom Fletcher. It is a book full of magic and wonder and where the fate of Christmas hangs in the balance.

Children are expected to read at home at least **4 times a week for 20 minutes** and get their reading records signed. This greatly helps your child's reading development and also supports progress with their writing too.

Recommended Reading

A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

The Snowman by Michael Morpurgo

The Crayons' Christmas by Oliver Jeffers

Article 14 - You the right to think and believe what you choose and also to practise your religion, as long as you are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Physical Education
Children will be developing their dance skills along with pickleball—new to the trust this year. Indoor PE will be on **Thursday** and Outdoor PE will be on **Monday**.

Computing
The children will create a Christmas-themed digital collage using Adobe Express.

Music
We will be developing and practicing our singing skills in preparation for our Winter Wonderland performances.

Religion and Worldviews
In RE lessons there will be a focus on Christianity with a lovely Christmas link working towards answering the question—what is the most significant part of the nativity for Christians today?

French
Our French will focus on being able to say and identify members of a family.

PSHE
Celebrating differences will be our topic with a focus on looking at how we judge others and what is bullying.

Homework

English and Maths homework

- Set every **Thursday** to be completed **the following Wednesday**.
- Homework is set on Atom Learning for maths weekly and alternate weeks for English with a written task to be completed in books.
- Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Spellings

- Weekly **spellings are set on a Friday** in the children's diaries, with **4 good quality sentences** to be written in their pink spelling books, to be **completed by the following Thursday ready for the test.**

Times Table Rockstars

- **10 minutes, 3 times a week.**
- **Garage allows children to practise specific tables that have been set or auto generated**
- **Studio tests all tables up to 12x12 at random.**

Home Learning
Create a Christmas decoration to go up on display for our Winter Wonderland performance. Due in the week beginning **Monday 7st December.**