

Topic

We will be focusing on art and DT during 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 winter landscape of the school.

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



Science

Science this half term will be all about sound. The children will learn about how sounds are made, the role that vibrations play in sound and how sound travels.

English

The children will be learning all about descriptive setting writing using a wonderful picture book called *Winter's Child*. They will be writing a wish story as well as some fantastic Christmas poetry.



Year 4 Autumn 2

Winter Wonderland



Maths

In maths, we will be starting off with multiplication and division. We will look at doing this mentally as well as using formal written methods to multiply two and three digit numbers by a one digit number. Learning about how to solve problems that involve these areas of maths, will also be worked on this half term.

As always we will continue to work on times tables 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, with the fate of Christmas hanging 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 13 - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information.

Physical Education

Children will be developing their dance skills along with working on invasion games.

Computing

The children will create a PowerPoint presentation about Christmas around the world.

Music

We will be developing our brass and singing musical skills.

RE

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 Christmas for Christians today?

French

Our French will focus on learning about where we live, attractions and places.

Jigsaw

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

Homework

English and maths homework

- Set every **Thursday** to be handed in the **following Wednesday**.
- Homework for English will be on a sheet in the homework folder and maths homework will be online on MyMaths. A paper homework will also be available for maths.
- Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Spellings

- Weekly **spellings are set on a Wednesday** in the children's diaries, with **4 good quality sentences** to be written in their pink spelling books.
- The test will be the following Wednesday.

Times Table Rockstars

- **10 minutes a day**
- **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. **Please bring this into school on Monday 6th December.**