

Year 4

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome you back to the new half term, and hope that you all had a lovely break together. This newsletter contains information about our curriculum for the second half of the Autumn Term.

Don't forget...

Our Parent drop-ins are held on the last Thursday of each month from 3.40 - 4.30pm



Themes for the Term

This half term, our topic will be **America**. Through the work of Thomas Moran, a Bolton born artist who lived in America, we will investigate the different landscapes he painted across North America and how they have changed. We will also be doing some work focused around WW1 in honour of the centenary.

Most subjects are linked through our themed curriculum. Our other curriculum areas include:

English

Our English this half term will focus on the poem **The Pied Piper of Hamelin**. Whilst reading this book, we will be spending time looking at the difficult vocabulary used, and techniques used by the poet to create atmosphere and mood. We will also be learning how to use paragraphs effectively to turn the poem into a story.

Supporting Your Child at Home - Reading

Please help to support your child by listening to them read. If you would like any help or advice on how to do this effectively, please speak to your child's teacher.



Maths

This is a spiral curriculum and topics change each week. You can help at home by encouraging your child to practice times tables.

Science

Following on from sound, our topic for this half term will be states of matter. We will be exploring the differences between solids, liquids and gases and how we change between different states.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.

French

With Miss Thiery, we will be learning how to name the months in French so we can say when our birthday is and how old we are. We will also look at why we should learn a foreign language.

PSHE

We will be using "Philosophy for Children" to discuss a wide range of topics, which will help us improve our questioning skills and deepen our thinking.

Music

In music, 4C will be continuing with their brass lessons. 4B will have their lessons during the spring term.

PE

We will continue to use our Real PE scheme of work, consolidating our netball skills and moving on to a unit of gymnastics.

Design Technology

This half term, we will be learning how to do a series of different stitches, and using these to create Christmas decorations using felt.