



YEAR 4 AUTUMN TOPICS 2017

Numeracy

All areas of maths will be covered but there will be a special focus on learning times tables.

Science

- Rocks and fossils
- Forces and magnets

French

- General conversation
- Parts of the body

Why doesn't Iceland melt?

A Creative Curriculum topic exploring the geography of Iceland and the science of volcanoes.

PSHE

- New beginnings
- Going for goals

PE

- Swimming
- Ball skills
- Dance



Why don't we have volcanoes in Leeds?

A Creative Curriculum topic exploring our local geography and using our art and DT skills.

Literacy

- Poetry
- Stories set in imaginary worlds
- Explanations
- Recounts

Computing

- Digital literacy
- E-safety
- Search technologies
- Programming

RE

- What words of wisdom can guide us?
- How are important events remembered in ceremonies?

Music

- Poetry
- Around the world

Other Useful Information

The Government recommends that Year 4 pupils spend 90 minutes on homework per week (plus reading). However, the emphasis at Talbot is on how effectively homework helps your child to learn, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time. Therefore, we hope that all tasks are meaningful.

Reading Books

Pupils can change their reading books as often as they like in Year 4. Listening to your child read at home still has lots of benefits, even if it is only every now and again. The BugClub online reading app is available and allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these.

Spellings

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will be set a list of words on Tuesday and these will be focused on during the week's lessons. The children should also revise the list at home, as they will be tested on it on the following Tuesday.

Learning Log

For each Creative Curriculum topic a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be glued in the Learning Logs.

Maths Homework

A small amount of maths homework is set on Wednesday by your child's maths teacher; this homework is due in on the Friday of the same week. Also, please support your child with learning their times tables (little and often works well). New government expectations are that all children will know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

PE/Swimming

Swimming kit is needed on Tuesdays and PE kit is needed on Fridays.

Trips and Visitors

We will be visiting the Shree Hindu Temple this term and we will have our annual Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church in December.