

# Year 4 Autumn

**Welcome to Year 4!** We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and that you have spent much needed quality time with your family. Autumn is a busy term full of learning and we cannot wait to get started!

**Maths** In Year 4, maths lessons will take on the **Maths Mastery** approach. This allows all children to gain a deeper understanding of the mathematics they are learning, through the use of concrete resources and in depth discussions with their shoulder partner. There will be a strong focus on times tables; rapidly recalling them in preparation for the National Multiplication Test.

**English** This term, in English, will focus on descriptive narrative writing, followed by instructional writing. The children will be encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and punctuation in order to engage the reader and make their writing exciting. We will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPaG) throughout the year during daily starter activities.

**Science** As Scientists, we will begin the term by learning about 'Electricity'. We will be exploring how circuits are made and how each component works. After this, we will learn about 'Sound'. We will explore differences between volume and pitch and how sound is affected by distance. The children will have the opportunity to design and carry out a variety of experiments, selecting the most appropriate ways to record their work.

**RE** In RE, our learning begins with the unit 'What is it like to be Jewish?', exploring Shabbat and the features of a Jewish synagogue. Following this, we will discuss the word inspiration and 'Why do some people think that Jesus was inspirational?'

**PSHE** Our focus this term will be on **Relationships**. PSHE will be a big part of our curriculum this term. We will have a big focus on returning to school, exploring our feelings and worries, our friendships, promoting our wellbeing and work on our communication skills.

**Thematic** Our thematic units are cross-curricular, covering all the traditional subjects as well as more contemporary areas of study such as sustainability and well-being.



Our first theme this term will be 'Lightning Speed'. "Lightning Speed" is a thematic unit based around the history and development of the internet and World Wide Web, with a focus on computing. It primarily looks at how computers communicate, the importance of networks, how email works and how the internet enables collaboration.

Our second theme will be 'May the force be with you'.



"May the force be with you" is a thematic unit based around the scientific concept of forces. We will look first at how things move on different surfaces and how magnets attract and repel one another.

**MFL** This term we will begin with recapping greetings and introducing ourselves. Our first unit 'I am able to...' looks at the phrases used when stating what skills you have and then we will move on to learning the vocabulary for different fruits.

**P.E** Children will continue lessons with the Soccer2000 team, learning new skills and building on teamwork and understanding how to play a variety of sports. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.