

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2 2023

Elm Tree Class

Dear families,

A warm welcome back to the next part of our Autumn term. The children have settled into Year 4 with strong routines and positive attitudes. They have enjoyed some wonderful learning opportunities in the first half of term including the trip to Ufton Court, a visit to the Transport Museum, and learning more about black history at the Hackney Museum exhibition.

If your child was not able to attend Ufton Court last half of term, I would strongly encourage you to send them this month as it is such a great opportunity for the children in terms of helping develop their confidence and resilience.

As the weather is beginning to get colder, please ensure children come into school in labelled jumpers and coats. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me at the end of the day or make an appointment via the office.

Miss Shuhed



Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates



Maths

In Maths, we will start to look at rounding before looking at perimeter and shape. We will then be focusing more on reasoning and problem solving by applying our knowledge of times tables. We will also continue to support the children through dedicated teaching of times tables.

RE

Children will explore the religion of Christianity in detail. We will focus on Beatitudes and what they mean for Christians, as well as how the message of peace is delivered in the Bible- especially at Christmas time.

Computing

We will be learning to code in HTML, the backbone of every website on the internet. We will also continue to develop digital literacy through working collaboratively within Google and improve our touch-typing skills.

PE days

PE this term is on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure children are wearing the correct kit for PE: house colour t-shirt, school jumper and navy joggers/leggings.

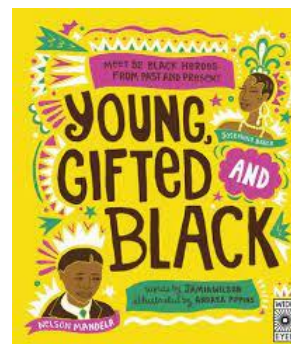
Reading

In Reading, we will be starting Room 13, a great, if slightly spooky, chapter book before moving on to The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo. Each lesson, we pay particular attention to developing fluency and summarising to support comprehension. We will use dictionaries to look up the meaning of unfamiliar words, and apply our growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and understand the meaning of new words.



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*This half term in
Year 4 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*



We are reading...

Writing

In Writing, we will be practising how to retell a story with a re-imagining of the story of the three little pigs told from the perspective of the wolf. We will be continuing to develop the children's ability to write descriptively and progressively introduce new grammar and punctuation topics such as the use of direct speech. We will also look at the speeches of Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King for the children to be able to write their own inspiring speeches!

History / Geography

The focus in this topic of 'Young and Gifted' is to use historical and geographical skills to celebrate key significant figures in the 20th Century. In practice, this will mean research, using primary and secondary sources, to describe the social diversity of a past society through examining challenging topics such as segregation and apartheid. These key figures will be explored and placed on a timeline using dates and will be related to the world map.

Science

This half term the children will be investigating vibrations, sound and hearing. They will work scientifically by setting up practical enquiries, and use these results to draw conclusions, suggest improvement, new questions and make predictions for further tests. The children will experience a range of sound and get a chance to design their own instrument and musician study.

