

English

- **The Butterfly Lion** by Michael Morpurgo

Reading

Year 4 will be focusing on developing their prediction, inference and retrieval skills. This will be developed while reading our key text. Alongside this, we will continue to focus on reading fluency, through use of an accurate speed and intonation when reading

Children are expected to read at home every day and this is to be recorded in their reading record.

Writing

Children will have the opportunity to refresh previously learnt skills through the writing of a character description and a diary entry - both of which will require the use of descriptive and emotive language. They will then go on to complete a persuasive piece of writing, from the viewpoint of a character from the book. They will be looking at using rhetorical questions and emotive language within a letter.

French

In French, Year 4 will be learning the four definite articles and how to use a numeral as a determiner. We will learn the plural subject pronouns and go on to ask and answer questions about favourite animals, likes and dislikes.

Religious Education

The theme of RE this term is *Wesak*. Children will learn about the concept of enlightenment through developing their understanding of Buddhism.

Music: This half term, year four will have specialised teaching from the music hub. They will be developing their singing and glockenspiel playing skills.

PSHE:

We will be focusing our learning in PSHE on Rights and Respect. This links to our essential understanding of the British Values of tolerance, respect, rule of law, liberty and democracy.

ENQUIRE - The Natural World:

Children will develop their understanding of ecosystems and the natural world through a project based on our school pond.

We will look at what makes a healthy pond, including the roles and relevance of different types of animals, insects, and plants, and the importance of ecosystems more generally. Children will develop their enquiry and observation skills through creating nature journals. This will be an effective way of developing their artistic and scientific observation simultaneously.

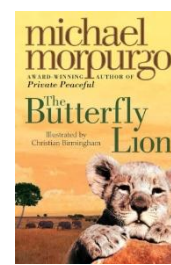
We will also focus on the life cycle of frogs



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Physical Education:

In PE, Year 4 will be focusing cricket. Children will learn the following skills: different ways of throwing; striking using sport specific techniques; using hand-eye coordination to field and moving ball.

Mathematics:

Children this term will look at a wide range of topics including:

- Measurement - solving problems with length, mass and time
- Fractions - tenths, hundredths, rounding, equivalence, addition and subtraction
- Geometry - triangles on a grid, quadrilaterals and comparing angles in 2D shapes
- Place value with addition and subtraction - comparing and ordering four digit numbers, round to the nearest 10/100/1000, using mental strategies and formal written method for addition and subtraction

We are also trying to learn all of our times tables up to 12 x 12, so please continue to practice at home using times tables rock stars - log ins are inside reading records.

We will continue to recap previously learnt skills, including finding fractions of an amount, different strategies for addition and subtraction, and using our knowledge of place value in order to solve word problems.

STEM

Science: This half term, the Year 4 will be looking at 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be covering the following:

- the function of the human digestive system
- recognising different types of teeth and their roles in eating
- how to care for our teeth
- teeth and their relation to diet (carnivores, omnivores, herbivores)
- food chains
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Computing: In ICT, children will focus on the following skills:

- integrating programming skills
- publishing digital work
- digital art exhibitions
- analysing data