

Important Dates and Messages

Children should **read at home every day for 10 minutes**. Reading diaries will be collected on Friday and checked.

At the end of the year, year 4's will have a government statutory times table check. Please use TTrackstarts at home to help with learning times tables from 1 x 0 up to 12 x 12.

Our **PE** days are **Wednesday and Thursday**.

Maths:

In the autumn term, we will be introduced to 4-digit numbers. We will recognise the value and compare and order 4-digit numbers.

We will recap our knowledge of the column method for addition and subtraction and apply this to our new learning of 4-digit numbers.

Children should practice their times tables at home on **TT Rockstars**.

English:

This half term, we will be reading 'The Suitcase Kid' by Jacqueline Wilson. We will learn about the main character, Andy and think carefully about her feelings throughout the book. We will focus on writing character descriptions and dialogue between two characters.

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Main focus:

Geography- Biomes

This half term we will have a geography focus and be studying 'Biomes'. We will use atlases to locate countries and continents while also identifying the position of the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and the Tropics and Cancer and Capricorn. We will learn what a biome is and apply this learning when looking at human and physical geography of Africa.

Science- Living Things and Habitats

We will compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited.

Art

In art, we will look at the artist Edward Saidi Tingatinga. We will learn that he created Tinga Tinga art and we will use his artwork to inspire us to create bright, colourful patterns.

RE

We will explore the theme 'wisdom' and think carefully about what this means to us. We will also learn about the Torah and the Bible.

Computing

We will be learning about networks to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure.

PE

In PE lessons the children will be learning striking and fielding skills. They will also look at rounder skills.

My Happy Mind

This module is focused on giving children knowledge of the brain and teaching them how they can look after their minds to be at their very best.