



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Explore Project



Big Question – How does the Earth's surface change?

A warm welcome back to an exciting new school year, in Year 4, at Abbey Gates! We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer break and are as delighted about the new term as we are. Mrs Durham is looking forward to teaching in Year 4 on Mondays to Wednesdays while Mrs O'Dea cannot wait to spend Thursdays and Fridays in class. We are also fortunate to have a wealth of Teaching Partners in Year 4 to support with our teaching and learning, including Mrs Wilson, Mr Ball, Mrs Smith and Mr Martin. A mix of some familiar faces along with a couple of new ones!

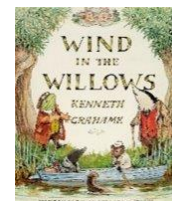
EXPLORE PROJECT

We are all set for an exciting term as we explore the Earth's mountains and rivers. Children will be asked the Big Question 'How does the Earth's surface change?' A study of the Earth's amazing physical features and where they are located around the world will help to inform our responses to the question. Just some of the exciting things we have planned include exploring the longest river and the highest mountain in the world as well as exploring the journey of water.

You can find our project placemat on the Year 4 class page on the school website, which can be used to support, revise and embed learning at home. We hope to bring you exciting news about upcoming opportunities to enrich our Explore project... watch out for a letter with more information soon!

ENGLISH

In English, we will be reading the inspirational 'Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame. This high quality text will support our Explore project by following the characters on their adventures on the river, which is an exciting opportunity for the children to discover and embed new vocabulary.



SCIENCE



In Science, we will be learning about states of matter. We hope to have a visit from Severn Trent Water who will deliver a hands-on session about the water cycle. Children will have the opportunity to find out about the work of the water company in the local community and gain an overview of why their work is so important.

MATHS

In maths, we continue to follow the White Rose programme of work. This term we will focus on:

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Area
- Multiplication and Division



By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.. You can support your child at home by continuing to practise their times tables, asking random times tables questions or encouraging regular sessions on TT Rock Stars. Times tables practice will also be beneficial to support our preparations for the statutory multiplication check, which Year 4 children across the country will take between the end of May and the beginning in June. We recommend the Soundcheck game on TT Rock Stars which replicates the check so children know exactly what to expect.

PE



PE will continue take place on Tuesdays (with Mr Martin) and Fridays (with Mrs O'Dea), beginning with basketball and gymnastics. Children should continue to come into school in their correct school PE kits on these days. Please ensure that long hair is tied back on these days and that children are not wearing any jewellery (including earrings).

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of our curriculum? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a geography-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us? Please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year in Year 4!
Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

YEAR 4 TEAM

(Mrs Durham, Mrs O'Dea, Mrs Wilson, Mr Ball, Mrs Smith and Mr Martin)