

PE

Swimming lessons are on Wednesdays. Goggles are not permitted unless for a medical condition when a letter is required. Your child must bring a coat to school on swimming days as they can get very cold after their swim.

This term, PE lessons on Tuesdays will focus on building a range of games skills. Children need to have trainers or plimsolls in school every day to enable them to use the climbing frame which we hope to use more now that we have an all-weather play surface beneath it. Also, with the weather turning colder, please make sure your children have warm clothes for outdoor PE sessions.

Please ensure that all of your children's clothes are named.

French

The children will be learning basic French vocabulary each week through speaking and singing. They will be able to hold simple conversations and will also be learning the days of the week, months of the year, how to count and the names of colours in French.

Music

The children will be listening to and making music using their voices and a range of tuned and un-tuned instruments. They will be learning simple notation. All children in Y3 and some children in Y4 will have a weekly tenor horn lesson with Mr Lavelle.



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Topic

This term we are looking at how chocolate is made and marketed. There will be an opportunity for the children to make chocolate and to design their own wrappers. They will also use ICT skills to make a Power Point presentation. This topic will involve art, design and technology, mathematics, English, ICT and science.

Mathematics

The main focus this half-term will be on the manipulation of number. This includes mental and written addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and is aimed at building children's confidence and fluency with the manipulation and calculation of numbers. Times tables and mental recall will be tested each week in 50s Club (on Wednesdays) and all children should know number bonds to 20 (such as $17 + 3$) and by the end of Year 4, number bonds to 100 ($48+52$).

There will also be a fortnightly oral mental maths test on alternate Fridays.

Science

This half term, we will be looking at nutrition in both humans and animals, particularly on food chains and the need for a balanced diet. The children will also learn about the diets of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and about caring for teeth.

English

The class book this half term is Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Our main grammar focus this term will be:

- Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause - compound and complex sentences.
- Learning how to use commas after or before phrases and clauses.
- Using pronouns to avoid repetition or ambiguity and to add clarity and cohesion.

Reading

Children will be reading every day at school by themselves and at least once a week with an adult. Please encourage your children to read at home and remember reading doesn't always have to be books. A great many children love flipping through the pages of encyclopaedias and gleaning little bits of knowledge. Magazines, comics, newspapers are also good reading material.

Spelling

Spellings will be given to the children every Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. This gives you and your child the option of learning them on a school night or at the week-end.

Handwriting

There will be a weekly formal handwriting lesson to ensure the children's writing fluency and to improve presentation.