

Year 4

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1



Welcome back to school! I am so excited to be teaching your brilliant children again. I loved teaching them in Year 2 and it has been wonderful to see how they progressed over Year 3 and are now ready to continue into Year 4. I'd also like to welcome Charlie, Max and Ruby to the class. It is a pleasure to have some new faces in school.

Our learning support will be Mr Rafael (Mon-Tues) and Miss Leafe (Wed-Fri). Mrs Armitage will take the class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This time will allow me to support the whole staff team in the areas I am responsible for as Assistant Headteacher. I will be in school full time though so if you have any questions regarding your child, please contact me: a.lambert@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk

For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

English

Our text this half term is called The Red Prince. We will be developing our comprehension skills through reading lessons, making predictions and inferences about the text.

Our writing focuses will be basic skills; accuracy with capital letters and full stops, correct spelling of high frequency words and neat, joined handwriting. My aim is to tackle these this half term before moving on to a wider range of Year 4 writing skills in the second part of the Autumn term.

Maths

We will initially revisit column addition and subtraction before looking at place value and numbers up to 10,000. We have a strong focus on times tables and the children have booklets in school to practice them. I will be sending home resources to support this as part of our home learning.

Science

In Science we will begin by looking at living things and how to classify them. We will then start a unit of work on states of matter – looking closely at solids, liquids and gases.

Computing

We will initially focus on online safety and the importance of being a responsible digital citizen before moving on to a unit of work on animations and using Scratch 3 to deliver this.

History

Our history topic focuses on the Victorians.

We will focus on these areas:

- Culture – How did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?
- Stories – Why was Queen Victoria such a popular monarch?
- Legacies - Which Victorian inventions do we still use today?
- Belief - How did the Victorians improve the life of children?
- Individuals - Who was Thomas John Barnado?

This will be supported by a trip to Ripon Workhouse Museum.



Art

We will be looking at the artist William Morris and creating some wallpaper using repeated patterns.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Wednesday and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Wednesday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will come out on Friday 13th September and will consist of the following:

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Fridays. I will send children with one book for the week. Please comment positively on your child's reading in the reading record at the end of each book. I will start sending reading books on Friday 15th September to give myself opportunity to check the children's current reading level.

Library

The children will visit the library on Wednesdays and will be able to borrow one book per week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 18th September: Flu Immunisations
Friday 27th September: Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 23rd October: Ripon Workhouse Museum Trip
Harvest Festival TBC
Thursday 24th October: End of Term
Monday 4th November: Return to School