

Year 4

Spring 1 Curriculum overview 2024



Curriculum Area	Focus this half term	Opportunities for home learning
English	<p>Writing Our first book this term is Frindleswylde by Natalia and Lauren O'Hara. We will be developing our writing skills through; letters, dialogue, poetry, birds-eye view descriptions, persuasive speeches and finally a narrative sequel.</p> <p>Our second book is Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman, we will be making inferences about the characters and situations in the story. We will go on to consider the emotions of characters and create adverts. We will be looking at the conventions of dialogue through drama and children go on to write a speech.</p> <p>Guided Reading One of the books this term is The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. We will be investigating vocabulary and the effect it has in particular contexts, as well making inferences about characters' actions and motives.</p> <p>Our other book is How Does A Lighthouse Work? by Roman Belyaev. Have you ever wondered how a lighthouse works, what's really inside them or why they're painted in unusual patterns? This beautifully illustrated book allows us to depart on an enchanting voyage with a group of school children to discover the answers to these questions along with other fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work.</p> <p>Class Book 4E- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling 4M- The Magician's Nephew by C.S Lewis</p> <p>Spelling believe, heart, imagine, possession, promise, reign, return</p> <p>naughty, difficult, regular, sentence, strange, pressure, question, special, breathe, ordinary</p>	The expectation at St. Michael's is for every child to read out loud to someone at home at least three times a week. Please ensure that you sign the reading diary.

Maths	<p>Length and Perimeter Measuring in kilometres and metres, equivalent lengths, perimeter of rectilinear shapes and polygons.</p> <p>Fractions Partitioning mixed numbers, comparing and ordering mixed numbers, improper fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and equivalent fractions.</p>	<p>Times Table Rockstars (log in is in the front of their reading record) http://trockstars.com</p> <p>Maths Passport practice</p> <p>www.timestables.co.uk www.mathszone.co.uk www.topmarks.co.uk http://nrich.maths.org/public/ www.mathsisfun.co.uk https://www.bbc.co.uk/Gbitesize https://www.theschoolrun.com</p>
Science	<p>Electricity Identifying common appliances, constructing circuits and naming its parts (cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers), understanding the roles of different parts of a circuit and how to manipulate them. Recognising conductors and insulators.</p>	
RE	<p>What is the Trinity? Understand the difference between a 'Gospel' and a letter, develop an understanding of the Trinity and baptism, describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship and in the way they live.</p>	
History	<p>Ancient Egypt Using a variety of resources to find out about aspects of life in the past, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The location of the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation and the importance of the River Nile. ● The hierarchy of Ancient Egypt, daily life for peasants and the power of the Pharaoh. ● The religion of the Ancient Egyptians and their beliefs about death. ● How archaeologists have uncovered the mysteries about Ancient Egypt and the importance of the discovery of the Rosetta Stone. <p>Key dates and events in the Ancient Egyptian Empire and the conquest by Alexander the Great.</p>	
PE	Dance and Invasion Games (Netball, Basketball and Football)	
PSHE	Safe relationships, personal boundaries, how to respond to adults and when to keep information confidential	
Computing	Creating Media (audio production)	