

Dear Parents

The table below outlines our class overview for the Autumn Term 2009.

This will give you the opportunity to provide valuable home links essential to your child's overall education. Many occasions will arise where parents can reinforce the work the children are engaged in at school.

It may be day-to-day activities, a visit to a relevant place of interest or time spent at the local library researching information linked to a topic.

The support and time spent at home is appreciated and will assist us in educating your child

Year: 4

SUBJECT	TERMLY OVERVIEW
RE	The Bible The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us and that God is telling us about himself in the Bible. The children will know how to find a Bible reference and know some of the stories in the Bible. Trust in God The children will deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust him. The children will reflect on the importance of keeping promises and make their own Advent promises.
PSHE	The children will be encouraged to develop effective and fulfilling relationships with others.
ENGLISH	Historical stories/short novels; play scripts; poems based on common themes. Non Fiction, a range of text types; reports, articles in newspapers/magazines and instructions. Focus on descriptive writing.
MATHS	Understanding the four rules of number. The properties of number, reasoning about number. Real life and money problems (including time). Measures/co-ordinates, shape and space. Fractions and decimals. Handling Data. Knowledge of maths vocabulary.
SCIENCE	Materials and their properties: Solids, liquids and gases. Physical and chemical changes that occur in materials. Solutions and mixtures and the ability to separate them. The children will carry out investigations linked to insulators and conductors.
ICT	Word processing: The children will learn to edit and alter work with audience in mind. They will produce a finished piece in the style of a newspaper article. Keyboard skills will also be practised. Graphics: The children will learn to alter brush size, use stamps and use the symmetry tools. They will incorporate scanned work to make a mixed media picture.

ART	Journeys: Links to history topic – journey of the Romans to Britain, Roman and Celtic symbols. Study of works by land artists. The children will make sketches and mosaics representing journeys.
DT	Money Containers: Developing design skills, planning and evaluating working with textiles. Production of a money container (purse/wallet). Finishing and decorating techniques.
HISTORY	Invaders and Settlers: Roman Britain, Important dates and people, the effects on early Britons life. Roman history that can be seen today i.e. Roads. Anglo-Saxons: Locate the Anglo-Saxon period on a time line, know that the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain and settled there. Investigate the archaeological find at Sutton Hoo and the way of life in Anglo-Saxon England.
PE	Dance: Dances linked to the second world war and Divali. The children will create dance phrases individually and in groups using simple choreographic principles. Games: Ball skills and team building skills.
MUSIC	Tuned and un-tuned instruments. Listening to and appraising music from different cultures.
FRENCH	The children will revise topics taught last term. Numbers to 31; 2 times table; days of the week; months of the year. Today, yesterday, tomorrow. Questions, answers and sentence building. Paintings by Monet. Christmas stories and traditions.