



Computing: Children will be using elements of coding and programming software to design a maze.

Please note... Children need to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. We take pride in our school and are very proud of how smart the children look when wearing the correct uniform. Children should also bring a water bottle to school to drink throughout the day. It should contain only water and be clearly named. Snacks can be provided from home for break time but please ensure they are healthy (e.g. fruit or veg). Your support in this area would be greatly appreciated.

It is essential that the children have their kits in school at all times. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure about what your child should wear for PE. This term swimming lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon for children in Ash class. A separate letter containing more details will be sent out to the children in Magnolia class before their lessons begin.

Home learning: Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. Home learning set will be based on learning that has taken place in the classroom. It is important that home learning is completed to the best of your child's ability and handed in on time otherwise a consequence will be given. Home learning club will run on a Tuesday lunchtime for any children who are unable to complete the work at home. Children should also be practising their times tables and spellings on a weekly basis in preparation for their tests in school.

Show & Tell: Children will continue to participate in show and tell sessions during this term. Remember to check the timetables displayed on Magnolia Class' window and the door leading into Ash Class to ensure you know when it is your turn.

Dates for your diary:

Magnolia library visits—11.09.18, 09.10.18, 06.11.18, 27.11.18

Ash library visits—18.09.18, 16.10.18, 13.11.18, 04.12.18

TBC —Magnolia Class start swimming lessons.

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What on Earth?



Year 4
Autumn Term

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Welcome to the new academic year! We hope that you've had a fantastic Summer and made lots of memories with your children. As we move into the first term, we are looking forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with you to support your child's learning.

Year 4 team:

Mrs Parker (LKS2 phase leader)

Mr Johnston (Ash Class Teacher)

Miss Homer (Magnolia Class Teacher)

Mrs Dudley (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Clarke (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs White (Class Teacher)

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns.

We will do our best to answer your queries as the happiness of your child is very important to us all.

Our topic:

We are all extremely excited about our first term's topic, which is called 'What on Earth?' It will focus on developing an understanding of how humans affect the Earth and help the children to question whether we have a negative or positive impact. Children will learn about pollution and explore ways in which humans can positively impact on the sustainability of Earth. They will use this knowledge to design, make and evaluate their own lunchbox made with materials from sustainable sources. We hope you will encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will support them during their lessons.



English: During the first half-term we will be focusing on two books: 'Varmints' by Helen Ward and Marc Craste and 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. During the second half of the Autumn term, our key text will be 'Wild Robot' by Roz Stone. Whilst studying these books, we will cover a range of writing genres including narrative, persuasive, re-count and discussion. In addition to this, each child will be given a reading book which will need to be read to an adult at home on a regular basis and recorded in home school books.

Maths: This term, we will be focusing on number and place value, where we will expect the children to apply their mathematical knowledge of the four operations. The children will continue to complete their times table tests as well as developing their reasoning skills further.

Science: Our Science topics for this term are Sound and Electricity. The children will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of musical instruments and find out how pitch and volumes can be changed. In addition, the children will make simple circuits using different components.

PE: This term, our PE sessions will have a focus on the exploration of apparatus, squash, Ultimate Frisbee and tag rugby. Our PE days are Tuesday (Magnolia) and Thursday (both classes). Ash class will also have swimming lessons throughout the term.

Geography: This term, we will be looking at the human impact on the Earth and different ways of limiting this.

Design and Technology: In Design and Technology we will be challenging children to make a lunch box out of environmentally friendly materials.

Art: In Art, we will be looking at Paul Klee and his work on landscapes. We will use a range of media and techniques to create landscapes of our own.

RE: In RE lessons, we will be looking at what 'commitment' is and how this relates to different people and religions all around the world. We will also be looking at different types of 'communication' and how different religions use different forms.

French: The children will be learning the numbers 30-60 as well as applying these skills to the context of money. Children will also be exploring the culture of France.