

Year 4
Autumn 2

Magnificent
Maya



English

Reading

Children will further develop their pleasure in reading, alongside improving their comprehension skills. They will be looking at 'Ellie and the Cat' text, centred around themes of friendship and behaviour.



Writing

Children will be taught a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres. They will start by looking at story openers, linking with the history topic. Throughout the year, emphasis will be placed on the correct use of spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in their writing, as well as the ability to recite poems alongside their peers. Children will focus on their presentation skills using joined handwriting and develop their organisational skills.

Tier 2 vocabulary

Tier 2 vocabulary are words that are used in many situations and contexts. This term, your child will learn the meaning of the following words in some of these contexts:

ancestor area assist column congratulate content descend
entertain extraordinary flexible former frequent inspire
manufacture master mature orchard recognise vast

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Spellings

Practice your spellings at least 3 times per week on [Spelling Shed](#).

W/b 30.10.22	w/b 6.11.22	w/b 13.11.22	w/b 20.11.22	w/b 27.11.22	w/b 04.12.22
Words ending in '-ation'	Words ending in '-ation'	words ending '-ly'	Words ending '-lly'	Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound	Challenge Words
information	adoration	sadly	usually	chef	complete
sensation	admiration	completely	finally	chalet	continue
preparation	coronation	wildly	beautifully	machine	experiment
vibration	detonation	bravely	thoughtfully	brochure	famous
decoration	observation	gently	wonderfully	parachute	favourite
donation	location	foolishly	carefully	chute	February
duration	generation	proudly	faithfully	chaperone	naughty
registration	exploration	horribly	peacefully	chandelier	material
population	combination	nervously	cruelly	crochet	knowledge
determination	illustration	happily	generally	quiche	remember

STEM

Maths

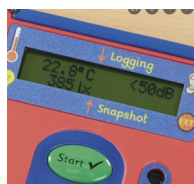
This term, the children will be learning about how to measure area. They will also be learning their multiplication and division facts for their 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables.

Within their lessons, we will be applying their knowledge within problem solving questions.

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Science

Children will learn about sound, the loudness of sounds and how they travel. They will label the parts of the ear and learn about the functions. Children will focus on fair testing and pattern seeking from data. They will use a range of science apparatus, including data loggers and a sound muffling box.



Computing

In this unit, pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time. They will collect data as well as access data captured over long periods of time. They will look at data points, data sets, and logging intervals. Pupils will spend time using a computer to review and analyse data. Towards the end of the unit, pupils will pose questions and then use data loggers to automatically collect the data needed to answer those questions.

Personal Development

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be learning about dance. They will explore the characters and themes of the Nutcracker and devise some useful motifs that they will build upon as the project progresses. Each lesson will include activities to help create and refine the dance. They will perform their final piece and evaluate their own performance as well as their peers' work.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will continue to focus on the development of safe relationships with family and friends. This will also include Anti-Bullying Week to encourage positive relationships with friends. We will also be taking part in the NSPCC "Speak out and stay safe programme".

The Arts

DT

Children will recap what makes a healthy and balanced diet. They will develop an understanding of how food is caught, reared and grown. Children will be learning about the advantages of eating seasonal and locally produced food as well as to read and follow recipes which include several processes, skills and techniques. The unit will finish with children cooking a stir fry.

Music

In Music this half term, children will explore Waltz and Ternary form pieces. We will learn what characteristics and style qualities each have and create our own versions of Tchaikovsky's Waltz of the Flowers and Trepak, from The Nutcracker.



Humanities

History

In History, children will be learning about the ancient Maya. They will learn about their civilisation and how they lived differently to us. They will learn about their religious beliefs and greatest achievements. They will consider the time period and lack of technology available, whilst also considering which would have been the most important to the Mayans



Religious Education

Throughout the Autumn term, children will learn in detail about key topics and events in Judaism. They will learn what it means to be a Jew and compare with their own lifestyles. They will explore themes such as forgiveness and repentance, linking this to both Judaism and their own lives. Children will also take a more in depth view on the festivals and important dates in the Jewish calendar. They are continuing to develop the skills to question faiths and beliefs in a tolerant manner.

Homework

Reading — at least 5 times per week. Write this in your planner.

Spelling Shed — at least 3 times per week.

Times Table Rockstars — at least 3 times per week.

MyMaths — once a week

Optional tasks:

Create a presentation about the Ancient Maya.

Design a poster about a festival you celebrate.

Enrichment

Trips and Visitors

Please find a list of anticipated trips and visits to enrich your child's learning. We are acutely aware of the financial pressures on families; therefore, we want to provide you with an overview of potential costs for the year. Parent Pay can be topped up with Parent Pay credit as regularly as you wish, and then funds can be allocated to specific trips when details are shared closer to the time.

Autumn 2 — St Albans Verulamium (£23.00) and VR headsets for Maya Civilisation (£6.00)

Spring 1 — British Museum Virtual Tour 1 hour (no cost) St Albans Museum (£16.00)

Spring 2 — VR Polar Regions (£6.00)

Summer 1 — Saxon workshop (£14.50) and Visit from Christians Against Poverty

Summer 2 — Visit from planning department (no cost)