



# Curriculum newsletter

Autumn term 2023

Class 4

## English

In English this term, we will begin with focusing on a whole school text *The Fox and the Star* by Coalie Bickford – Smith. This is a story of friendship, kindness, resilience and self-discovery and the students will plan and then write their own versions of the story from an alternative viewpoint using figurative language, present perfect tense and modal verbs. Following this, we will begin exploring the book *The Mermaid of Zennor* by Charles Causley. For this text, we will begin by investigating the story and language of the book before making predictions and creating some letters to characters in the story. The pupils will then go on to create guides to Zennor, retelling the story from the mermaid's perspective whilst creating their own merfolk characters to include in a legend-style story.

## Maths

In Maths, we will firstly be focusing on Place Value. Here, pupils will be learning to represent, round, partition and order numbers to 10,000. After Place Value, we turn our attention to Addition & Subtraction. During this unit, we will be studying a range of mental and written strategies, including using column addition and subtraction and then using inverse operations to check our work.

Throughout both units, the children will be encouraged to challenge themselves by applying their learning to complete problem solving and reasoning questions.

## PE

In PE, the pupils will be working on their coordination, footwork and balance by practicing skills and incorporating them into activities and games.

## RE

To begin this term we are learning what the "Trinity" is and why it is important to some Christians before beginning to explore what Hindus believe God is like.

## Science

In Science, we will be focusing on the states of matter. This will involve studying the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how their particles behave, investigating what happens when you heat or cool each state of matter and measuring the melting and boiling points of each substance.

## History

For History this term we will be studying *The Romans*. This will include investigating how the Roman Empire became so successful, how they conquered and then changed Britain, what their beliefs were and finally why they left Britain.