

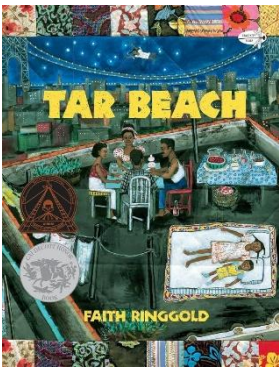
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had an amazing Summer Holidays. My family had an exciting summer, and I can't wait to share all of the details in class. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, which you can read about in this newsletter.

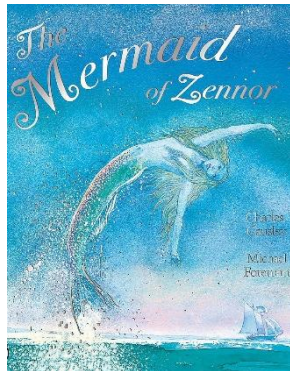
English

In English this term, our work will be based around two books: *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold and *The Mermaid of Zennor* by Charles Causley - a wonderful author and poet.



Whilst studying *Tar Beach*, we will be developing noun phrases, a range of conjunctions, apostrophes and exploring the features of playscripts. We will be re-writing sections of the story into a playscript.

When reading *The Mermaid of Zennor*, we will be diving into the worlds of myths and legends - creating our own characters to write our own legend story. We will develop our writing skills and our knowledge of tenses.



How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practise spellings with some fun spelling games, such as hangman, boggle, word searches.

Maths

During our first term in Year 4, we will be building on previous years of learning. We will focus on place value - ordering, comparing and rounding. We will develop our knowledge of fractions and decimals, through money. We will also improve our addition and subtraction methods, names and properties of 2D shape, and ability to read, write and convert time.

For each of these topics we will look at a range of questions varying from number and arithmetic style questions to reasoning and problem solving.

In Autumn 2, we will look at mental and written methods of multiplication and division including chunking. These methods will bring together all 4 arithmetic skills that will be developed from previous years of methods

Finally, we will look at length and perimeter of shapes and a range and a variety of methods of present statistics. This will include reading and drawing statistics accurately.

How to help your child in maths

Give children the opportunity to tell the time on an analogue clock and ask them to identify o'clock, quarter past and half past. Also help your children to understand maths in the world around them by talking and looking at money (£ and p) when shopping.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. This term we will be learning our 7 times table and re-visiting our 6s and 9s.



History/Geography

We will be studying the geographical features of the United Kingdom. We will be locating and labelling important locations within the British Isles as well as studying the weather, climate and people of the land. In addition, we will be asking why people migrate to the UK?

In our History unit, we will be discovering the historical changes to England after the Anglo-Saxon invasions; investigating how Christianity came to the land and discussing whether King Alfred the Great was really that great.



Computing

In computing, we will be starting the year with our coding unit. We will be looking at applying our debugging skills to range of activities and using characters from Star Wars and Angry to help us along the way.

Art

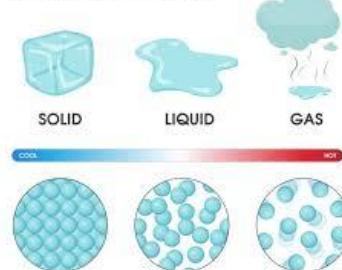


In art we will be taking inspiration from Morandi and drawing a group of objects blending in contour lines to still life drawings.

Science

During our first half term, we will be studying the different states of matter, investigating the changes that happen throughout each state and attempting to answer scientific questions whilst posing our own questions - How can we change the state of matter of an object?

STATE OF MATTER



During Autumn 2, our attention shifts over to Animals including Humans. Our main focus of study will be about the teeth of carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. Then finding out what happens to our food after we swallow it.

PSHE

In PSHE, our sessions will involve our KidSafe lessons to ensure we stay safe and confident when handling 'yucky feelings'.

RE

In R.E we will look at What is Prayer? and consider how people from different religions pray.

As Easter approaches, we will focus on the story of betrayal and trust and explore what other faiths say about forgiveness.

PE

In PE this term, the children will be developing dance routines and composing their own routines, whilst some of our lessons will focus on athletics - in particular looking at different styles of throwing

General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on Mondays and Thursdays
- Ukelele lessons will be on Monday afternoon.
- Our Autumn term homework grid is now available on the school website.
- Miss Byrne will teach Tuesday afternoons, with Mrs Taylor teaching Thursday afternoons fortnightly.