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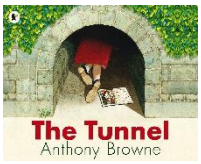
Half Termly Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4 – Autumn 1 2025

Dear families,
Welcome to a new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new school year ahead.
Please find an overview of our curriculum for the 1st half of the Autumn term including the areas of learning we will be focusing on in each subject.
I am really looking forward to working with you all across the year, please do not hesitate to approach me at the end of the school day in the playground with any concerns/queries.
Miss Marsh

English

This half term, we will be reading The Tunnel. We will be working on character and setting description, narrative writing and creating our own narratives.



In reading, we will be developing our comprehension skills through the VIPERS range of questioning and increasing our fluency through reading aloud sessions.

Maths

Our maths units of work this term will cover place value. This will involve exploring the skills of representing, partitioning, estimating, comparing and rounding numbers up to 10,000.

We will also cover work on addition and subtraction. This will explore adding and subtracting two numbers with up to 4 digits per number.

Science

In Science, our unit of work is Forces and Magnets. The children will learn about the different types of magnets and their properties. They will further their understanding of forces by exploring the different between contact and non-contact forces. The children will engage in a range of practical enquiries to develop their understanding.



History

In History, the children will be developing an understanding of the theme remembrance. We will explore this theme by exploring the question 'How do we remember the great war?'.



Computing

In Computing, our unit of work will focus on connecting computers. The children will develop their understanding of digital devices by exploring how they work. They will further this understanding by learning about the make up of a digital device and exploring how computers are connected.

Art

In Art, our unit of work is based around 3D forms. The children will explore how to produce a 3D form. They will look at different patterns and use these to inspire them to create their own on a 3D artefact. The children will discover the work of Howard Hodgkin.

Religious Education

We will be exploring the question- How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others?

Physical Education

The children will be developing the fundamental skills of balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping.

Additionally, the children will have the opportunity to play netball and develop their understanding of the attacking

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning about families and relationships. The children will learn about how to deal with friendship issues and the issues with stereotyping. They will also learn about how to consider physical and emotional boundaries and how they can

	and defending principles of games.	support someone who has suffered a bereavement.
Music In Music, the children will develop an understanding of the key features of South African Gumboot music. The children will learn the technique for playing tuned percussion instruments and begin to explore the key features of staff notation.	French Our unit in French this term is 'Ici et là.' We will be learning about different leisure places to visit (cinema, swimming pool) and learning to read and write French sentences.	Online Safety As part of online safety, children will focus on self image and identity. They will learn how to create a positive online presence, understand the impact of their digital actions. They will also learn how to stay safe and confident online.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Monday 15th September – Meet the Headteacher in the hall after school Friday 10th October – Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 16th October – Individual School Photos Friday 24th October- PD Day Please note that PE days are Tuesday and Thursdays.	Home Learning will commence week beginning 8th September 2025. Please ensure your child is reading their age appropriate reading book at least 4 times a week. Your child will also have weekly spelling to practise each week which will be sent home on a Friday. They will also be asked to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars a week. Login details will be sent home in due course.