Year 4 - Autumn 2

Aspirations – What would you like to achieve when you leave school?



Dates to remember this half term:
Children in Need – Friday 13th November 2026
Arbeia Roman Fort – Tuesday 1st December 2026
Winter Fair – Wednesday 2nd December 2026
Christmas Concert – Thursday 10th December 2026 1.30-2.30pm
Y4 Christmas Party – Monday 14th December 2026
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 17th December 2026
End of half term – Friday 18th December 2026

Notices:
PE Days – Tuesday & Thursday
All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Retainers can be worn in place of earrings. No plaster covers.
Reading Books/Book Bags – to be in school every day.

English: Reading
Children are exposed to a wide range of texts covering fiction genres, non-fiction and poetry. Texts are varied in length and can be a class novel over the whole half term or shorter texts which can be explored in a week. We teach reading through the explicit teaching of new vocabulary and background knowledge first. The children then build on their fluency by reading aloud extracts and text every single day. The children read aloud regularly and discuss the texts in rich, open discussions with both their teacher and their peers before completing a range of varied comprehension questions focusing on key skills such as retrieval, inference, predictions and reasoning. The school reading book is a home reading book and will be changed fortnightly.

English: Writing
Our core reading texts and topics form the basis for much of our independent writing units and are the 'hook' to grab the imagination of our writers. During this half term we will continue to explore different fiction and non-fiction texts as well as poetry. The children will explore the features of these texts by looking at examples before planning and then writing their own independently. We will work on developing our tense by writing in the past tense and we will build up our narrative stamina to include a coherent beginning, middle and end plot. Spelling, Grammar and Handwriting lessons are taught discreetly with children given regular time throughout the week to practice.

We read every day through our reading lessons, class novel, topic related books and other stories through reading for pleasure. Some of

the texts we will explore this half term include;



Maths:

Place Value

Identify and represent numbers in different ways.
Round to the nearest 10,100, 1000
Roman Numerals

Addition & Subtraction

Adding and Subtracting 4 digit numbers Using carrying and exchanging techniques.
Using inverse operations to check calculations.

Multiplication & Division

Times tables up to 12x12
Multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number

Time

Comparing angles
Comparing and classifying triangles and quadrilaterals.

Science: States of Matter

In science, the children will be taught to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). Children will also learn about 'The Water Cycle' and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation.

Computing: Audio Editing

This is a very exciting unit based on the rise in popularity of podcasts. Children will begin to develop an understanding of the practices behind digital audio and the devices required to record and edit audio. Working in groups, they will write their own material and then use software to record and edit their own podcast.

DT: Cooking & Nutrition: Adapting a recipe

This unit provides opportunities for children to learn a basic biscuit recipe and adapt it to suit a target audience. The children will be able to describe features of biscuits using taste, texture and appearance. They will follow a recipe with support and make the biscuits. They will then conduct market research to plan a new recipe and then budget for the correct ingredients to adapt the recipe from the original. If we are successful these biscuits may well be on sale at the Winter Fair!

Music: Christmas Concert Preparation

We will be dedicating our music lessons this half term to learning our Christmas Performance. We really look forward to showing everyone what we have put together.

History: The Romans

Children will begin by piecing together the Roman era on a timeline to put into context this time in history when compared to their previous topics and learning. They will then explore the Romans in depth, beginning with their invasion, impact and lasting legacy on the UK. There will be a particular focus on the Romans in our local area – Hadrian's Wall, Segedunum, Wallsend etc.

We will also take a trip to visit Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields to bring our learning to life!

PE: Dance and technical movements

Our PE days will be Tuesday & Thursday. On Thursday we will be fortunate to have a coach from Active Futures with us. This half-term's focus is dance and technical movements including core strength, flexibility, balance and agility.

PSHCE: Aspirations

How does school build my character?
What can I be?
How can I keep safe in my local area?
How can we keep safe on the road?

RE: Incarnation

How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews? In this unit, children will learn about different Jewish festivals; what they mean, their significance and how believers express the meanings through symbols, sounds, actions stories and rituals.

Our school character virtues:

Dotty Dragonfly



Determination

Eddie Elephant



Empathy

Hugo Hedgehog



Honesty

Polly Puffin



Positivity

Rosie Rabbit



Respect

Each day a child is identified as showing one of our character virtues through their actions and behaviour. Their name will then go on a golden ticket and at the end of the week one golden ticket is randomly selected. The child, who is chosen, will then get to experience games, juice and biscuits with Mrs Dowdney.