



# Autumn 1 Newsletter



## Year 4

### English

Our English work this term is based around *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will be exploring sentence structure and then writing a narrative in the first person. There will be a big focus on developing our fluency whilst reading, as well as improving our comprehension skills.

### Maths

We start our year by looking at Place Value. A good understanding of this as crucial as we progress onto the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Times tables is also a key component of Year 4 and lots of time is spent ensuring children can recall them all up to 12 quickly.

### RE

Our focus this term is 'The Bible' – understanding the importance of our Holy Text. We will be exploring how to navigate the book, key stories from the Bible and its relevance in modern life. We will have a collective worship once a week in addition to our daily prayers.

### Geography

Our topic this half term is a comparison between a region of England with a region of Spain. In addition to this, we will be using maps to locate countries across the world, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

### PE

This term we will be going to Reddish Vale for a weekly swimming lesson. We will be learning to swim proficiently using a range of strokes and perform a self-rescue.

### Science

We will be studying states of matter in Science this half term. We will investigate solids, liquids and gases and perform a variety of experiments whilst working scientifically to explore this.

### Chess

Year 4 are incredibly lucky this year as we will be having a chess specialist, Mr Dainty, who will come into class to teach the children how to play one of the oldest and most sophisticated games in the world.

### Music

This term we will focus on music appreciation looking at the life and work of Holst. We will listen to 'The Planets' and discuss the instruments included and its effect on us.

### Computing

This term we will be learning about Branching Databases. We will use Purple Mash to explore branching databases before we create some of our own. We will debug them to ensure they flow correctly and ask relevant questions linked to our other topics.

### PSHE/RSE

This term we will be learning about the Equality Act and the 9 protected characteristics. We will also use a range of texts to explore issues in the wider world.

### Spanish

This half term in Spanish, children will learn how to greet someone they have just met.