

English

During the Autumn term we will begin by exploring the book 'Boy with the Bronze Axe' by Kathleen Fidler. We will focus on the characters in the book and learn about using direct speech.

Later in the term we will be introducing the 'Talk for Writing' approach to our English lessons. We will begin with (non-chronological reports using The Manchester Ridgeback text) The following link provides you with an overview of the 'Talk for Writing' approach.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI2OWdZo6nY&t=163s>

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

PE

During the autumn term our PE will be focusing on attacking and defending games, playground games and dance. We will develop and build up the necessary skills and focus on team work.



PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays each week. Please ensure PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday as we do occasionally need to alter our PE times. Trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE. We will be getting outside as much as possible before the colder weather starts! Please ensure all kit and uniform is named.

Reading Books

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and homework diary to school on a daily basis. Regular reading to, and listening to your child read, really does make a huge difference to your child's learning and progress.



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Hello and welcome to Year 4!

We are really looking forward to getting to know you all over the next year. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are ready for our exciting Year 4 journey.

The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call, email (rwebb@huttoncranswick.eriding.net / jlewer@huttoncranswick.riding.net) or see us at the end of the school day.

Year 4 Team: Ms Webb, Mrs Lewer and Mrs Mattock

Computing

Computing forms an integral part of our curriculum and supports our learning on a daily basis. Our work this term will mainly focus on Multimedia and Animation whilst also learning how to stay safe when on the internet.

The children have access to various online platforms to support their learning and we strongly encourage them to use these regularly both at home and in school.

Maths

We teach maths using the mastery maths approach; a very visual and practical method for children. We follow White Rose Hub which incorporates lots of revisiting from your child's previous year to ensure that there are no gaps in learning. This term we will focus heavily on number and place value, before moving onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. We will also look at measurement of length and perimeter. In all of these units, children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills. We will provide lots of opportunity for the practise of multiplication facts in preparation for the assessment at the end of Year 4.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism in their RE lessons.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.



Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

This year Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 15th November. The theme and activities will be based around 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. Children will learn and discuss how they can be a force in doing this in today's society. In E-Safety we will be teaching children what we use computers for and the difference between computers and iPads. We will also use age appropriate videos that teach safety online.

In Year 4 we do a lot of work with the children on growth-mindset, developing positive relationships and wellbeing as we believe this is vital in creating the optimum learning environment. HeartSmart is an approach to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It is a creative way to enable children to adopt a growth mindset whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. We continue to make our heart smart this term with the topic, 'Get HeartSmart'. This theme will build on their Year 3 learning and help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons. Much of the work we do across all areas will focus on wellbeing. We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

Learning Challenge

Our history-based learning challenge this term asks 'Who first lived in Britain?' Through this the pupils will explore The Stone Age including how they lived, ate and communicated. We will be using our outdoor learning areas to learn how to safely carry out activities such as whittling, shelter making and camp fires.

Our science learning challenge initially will be 'Where on Earth did that rock come from?' we will focus on discovering how rocks are formed and how rocks have different properties. Later we will move on to learn about electricity and learn how to complete a circuit.



Art/DT



The children will be exploring cave paintings linked to our Stone Age enquiry and will explore making paint brushes from natural materials. They will also design and make models of Stone Age shelters.

Homework

Reading, spellings practise and times tables practise are the main focus for homework please.

There are many online platforms that we use in school and also recommend for the children to use at home with their logins that are provided in their homework diaries. Alongside reading each week, there is the wonderful 'Bug Club' resource, TTrackstars- to get practising those times tables, mathematics and spellingshed.

Story Time

We always read a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. This year we are starting with 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe by K.Fidler.

As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time Back! If your child has their own copy of this book and would like to bring it in they are most welcome to (please make sure it has their name on).

