



Welcome to Year 4



English

We will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts: Macy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Jo Todd-Stanton. The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield and Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr. We will be focusing on **conjunctions, fronted adverbials, expanded noun-phrases, prepositions, paragraphing, possessive apostrophes and punctuation to indicate direct speech.**

Maths

The units we will be covering are: understanding and calculating decimals, finding fraction of quantities, equivalent fractions, measure and conversion, angles, negative numbers and statistics. We will be focusing on reasoning and problem solving but continuing with our fluency practise each day .

History

In history lessons we will be studying The Romans and looking at what they did for us. We will be looking at main events and people during the time period.

Geography

While we are studying The Romans, we will be using Use map, atlas and globe to locate countries of Europe.

Science

This term, in our science lessons, we will be looking at electricity and sound.

A very warm welcome to Year 4 from Miss Biggadike and Mrs Wadmore. Should you wish to contact us, please email ebiggadike@reddings.herts.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also make an appointment to speak with us over the phone by calling the school office.

This term is our final term of Year 4 and we will be very busy learning, consolidating and preparing for Year 5.

Our daily timetable consists of a Maths, English and Guided Reading. After lunch, we will have a Spelling and Handwriting lesson and then an afternoon session of either Art, Science, History, Geography, RE, Spanish, Music, Computing or Jigsaw. On Wednesdays, we will be going swimming which will be during our PE session.

On Fridays, the children will be set some home learning activities on Seesaw. These are to supplement our learning in class. The children are also required to read daily, at home, and record this in their reading record and they are required to spend 10 minutes a day on their times tables through TTRockstars or on similar websites. This is very important as the daily practice will improve their fluency in reading and maths.

As you can see, we are very busy learners in Year 4!

PE

In our PE lessons, we will be learning how to swim. This is a crucial life skill to have so it is great we have been given this opportunity.

DT: Simple circuits and switches

We will be designing, making and evaluating our own torches. We will be ensuring that the torch includes an electrical circuit which can be operated by a switch and that is safe to use.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on **belonging to a community, individual commitment and religious leadership** and we will be looking at sacred texts and stories, their guidance and impact.

Music

We will be developing our skills in listening and appraising, performance and composition by studying Blackbird by The Beatles.

Art: Printing and textiles

In our printing and textiles unit, we will be learning how to marble and practice a range of textile skills to create a final piece.

Reading at home

Reading: Regular reading is essential in order to ensure your child has many opportunities to rehearse their decoding, intonation and use of punctuation. If you could aim to read with your child 4 or 5 times a week, this will ensure they have lots of practice and reinforcement and help to improve their confidence too. When reading a book with your child, ask them some questions about what they are reading, talk about the pictures with them and try getting them to retell you the story, including their favourite parts!

Some questions you might ask are :

What happens at the beginning of the story?

How do you think character X is feeling and why?

What does (a word from the text) mean?

What do you think might happen next in the story?

Ready to Learn

All children need indoor shoes and reading books and in school every day.

It is important they are also at school on time.

Swimming kits should be brought in every Wednesday.

Please ensure your children also have a water bottle in school every day.