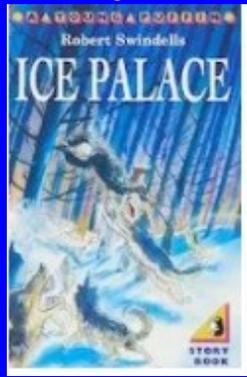




YEAR FOUR CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Children follow a timetable accessing English and Mathematics daily, and other subjects across the week. Children will have an extended time on Friday where they can take a deeper dive into exploring **Biomes and plants of the world**. Times-tables work and movement breaks to support well-being and focus are continued to be scheduled frequently throughout the week. This term we are working on full engagement in lessons and teamwork with lots of fantastic partner talk. The Virtue and Value this term is: **Learned and Wise**. Children will learn how God wants us to live our lives. Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants. Children will know how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice.

English



Our text this term is Robert Swindell's tale Ice Palace. Children will enrich their knowledge of plot, setting, character development and emotional response to themes and dilemmas in fiction. This book will inspire children to write their own different texts.

Handwriting and reading will be taught 3 times a week. Spellings will be taught and set weekly, with daily practice.

Maths

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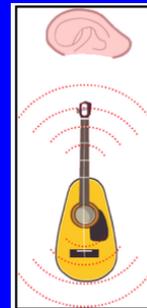
Children will be using their Power Maths books for lessons and green for fluency work and catch-up. This term, we will complete our topic on subtraction. Then we will move onto multiplication and division. Finally, we will explore perimeter. Mental maths including multiplication and division facts are covered daily.

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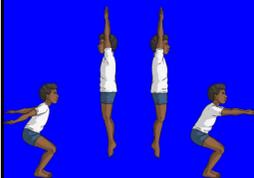
Children will continue to learn about how Jesus grew up in the Jewish faith and prayer. They will learn about the ancestors of Jesus in Advent. In December, Year 4 will research the role of the angels in the Christmas story. They will learn about how Christians are messengers of Christ's good news.

Science



Sound: Children will learn that sound is a type of energy, created by vibrations. They will learn about sound waves and how sounds travel. They will understand how the ear works. Children will investigate how pitch is effected by the object that produces it and how volume is linked to strength of the vibration.

PE



On Monday afternoons, children will learn teamwork skills with Ali as they get fit. **Gymnastics: Movement** On Thursdays, children will develop flexibility and strength in a series of controlled jumps and leaps. They will perform a range of rolls, vaults, round-offs and link these movements together in a performance.

Computing



Children will continue to learn about hardware and online safety. They will learn about how to search effectively online.

Music



Children are learning a variety of songs with visiting teacher Miss Baker. They are singing solos and in harmony. Children will rehearse & perform a Christmas song. They will learn the terms: rhythm, pitch and harmony.

Theme work

History
Geography
Design &
Technology
Art

In Geography, children will learn about biomes of the world and animals that live in these biomes. In Art, we will continue with our Victorian and contemporary artists using watercolours amongst other mediums. In design technology, children will learn about the component parts of a light box and invent their own Christmas light box, building on their knowledge of circuits from last term's science.

Modern Foreign Languages



This term children will learn French verbs and select the correct verb for an activity. They will practice speaking with their partner. Children will learn to tell the time in French.

Home learning

Home learning: We will continue to use TEAMS but I may send work home for children to write on. I will set spellings, a times table task (online game or worksheet) reading and comprehension. Books will be changed Monday and Friday and points awards for the competition. Children can also read more on Bug Club and Oxford Owl. If books are not given on Bug Club, it means they have exceeded their level and must read other books to ensure comprehension knowledge is secure. It is essential that you sign the children's reading diary.

Dates for your diary

11th November Armistice Day
15th-11th November Anti-bullying week
28th November First Sunday of Advent
9th December Mass with Year 1
13th December Pantomime (Beauty and the beast)
17th 9:30am Carol Service led by Key stage 2, followed by end of term presentations.

I am happy to talk on the playground and via email. Do read the communication policy to ensure that the correct information is sent to the correct people.

Long.el@welearn365.com If a phone-call is better because you are working, email me to arrange a time.

Don't forget to check the website for our 'Recommended Reading Lists' and our 'Further reading lists'. Also please remember to follow our Twitter page @EMCPPrimary and look out for the hashtag #EMCYear4 for anything specific to our class. Thank you for all your support and as always, please don't hesitate to ask for some help or advice or feedback about how your child is doing.