

Our Curriculum

Our main topics for the Autumn term:

Science

Living things including humans - Children will learn where living things can be found, how we can group and sort living things and how to identify living things.

States of matter - Children will learn the difference between solids, liquids and gases. They will be exploring this through lots of fun practical investigations.

RE What does it mean to be a Christian?

History Exploring how the Romans lived and how they influenced Britain as we know it today.

Geography

Identifying countries and cities in the UK.

DT

Children will be making a moving toy using cams.

Art

Our art inspiration this term is Albrecht Durer. We will be looking at his drawing techniques and using them in the classroom.

PSHE

Families and friendships. Building safe relationships. Respecting ourselves and others around us.

Computing

Children will be learning about how to be safe online as well as algorithms. We are having an unplugged (offline) focus in the coming weeks.

How you can help

Times Tables

Quick recall of all the multiplication facts, up to 12 x 12, is an important year 4 target. Being able to recall their facts quickly will help the children with many aspects of their maths as they progress through the school. All children have a login for Times Tables Rockstars and can access this online to practise their skills.

Reading

Reading to your child is equally important as listening to them read. Reading is one of the most essential activities you can support your child with at home.

Ask them a range of questions about what they have read to help them to develop their understanding.

Homework

The children will have a login to Microsoft Teams where they will have an activity to complete each week. The children have been shown how to use this and will become more confident as the weeks go on.

Children will also be tested on spellings each week. However, these spellings will be taught at school throughout the week. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask one of the year 4 members of staff.

Please encourage your children to talk to you about their school day and support them with their learning.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Glenfield Primary School

Learners in 4

Analysers—Mr Brown
Innovators—Miss Johnson



Information for Parents

Autumn 2021

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Autumn

Welcome back! We hope the children have had a fantastic break and are excited to be back at school and ready to learn.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every lesson at school is important for your child's development and so we ask that they come to school every day and always arrive on time. Classroom doors open at 8.35 and registration begins at 8.50. If your child is ill, please call the school office to let us know.



Maths

The children will look at topics which include place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measurements and area during this Autumn term.

English

Alice in Wonderland - Character/setting descriptions and extended narratives.
Non Fiction writing – Information texts linked to the Romans.

Reading

The children will continue to have a daily session focussed on developing their reading skills and will be heard read by an adult as frequently as possible. Ask



your child about VIPERS - this is the acronym that we use to help remember the reading skills that we are working on (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising). Children should have their reading record in school with them every day. Also, we encourage you to read with your child at home and ask them questions to ensure understanding of the text. Children can earn rewards for regular reading that is recorded by an adult.

Music

Our steel pan drumming lessons will be starting on Monday 6th September. Children will be taught a range of skills based around the steel pan drums by an external teacher. In class, we will be using the glockenspiels to play and perform increasingly challenging rhythms.

Important dates

Tuesday 7th September—Parent workshop 4:30

Monday 11th October and Wednesday 13th October—Parents' evening.

PE

Each class will have one indoor and one outdoor PE session per week.

Innovators — Monday and Wednesday

Analysers— Monday and Thursday

Children should wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. Suitable PE kits include:

- White/light blue t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms
- Sweatshirt
- Trainers



No jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back. We ask the children do not wear football shirts or clothing with slogans.



The Daily Boost

Children will be taking part in 15 minutes of physical activity every day and will therefore need to have suitable shoes on everyday as the activities will take place outside.

