



# Year 4 - Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to school! Thank you to all of the children and also parents for all of your hard work during Autumn 1. We have had an amazing start to year 4 and the children have produced lots of great work and everyone has settled well into the Year 4 routines. We have a very exciting half term planned, including science investigation day, Children in Need dress spotty day and lots of fun activities to do in the run up to Christmas including our KS2 carol service at All Saints Church. Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSSycamore](https://twitter.com/GPSSycamore) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 4!

## Important Dates:

Thursday 9th November – Parent’s Evening  
Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November –  
Friendship Friday linked Anti-Bullying Week  
Thursday 9th November - World Science  
Investigation Day  
**Friday 10th November – INSET Day**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need dress spotty  
day  
Friday 1st December - Christmas Shop Own Clothes  
Day  
Friday 9th December – Christmas Shop  
Wednesday 14th December – KS2: Christmas Singing  
Concert – All Saints Church  
Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day and  
Christmas Lunch  
Wednesday 20th December - KS2 Christmas Party

## French

In French, we will be continuing to learn how to introduce ourselves by explaining how old we are and where we live.

## English

This half term, we are going to start off looking at non-chronological reports and link this to our ‘Stone Age’ Topic in both history and geography. After this we will be looking at fairy tales with a twist and the children will look at the different features and then will begin to plan their own version of the fractured fairy tale called ‘Little Red’. Within their writing, they will be trying to include lots of writing techniques such as using adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

We will then look at non-fiction texts of information booklet. We will be using our knowledge learned in our topic lessons of the Romans to create an information booklet using lots of facts.

Within our English lessons, we will also be looking at grammar including how to use fronted adverbials and how to punctuate these correctly in our writing. Our spelling pattern will be to add suffixes and prefixes onto root words.

## Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be continuing to do daily guided reading sessions and will continue to read ‘The Wish keeper’s Apprentice by Rachel Chivers Khoo. We will be looking at developing our comprehension skills and showing our understanding of the texts through a range of activities.

For our class novel, we will to read the Terry Deary book about Stone Age tales. An exciting tale based on real historical and archaeological evidence, this story is full of Terry Deary’s imaginative style and dry wit which the children love the read.

## Maths

In Maths, we are continuing to look at the column method for addition and subtraction using a 4 digit number. We will be using these methods to work out the area of a rectilinear shape.

After that we will be moving onto multiplication looking at multiply together mentally 3 numbers. And multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using formal written method. We will use this knowledge to then solve integer scaling problems and correspondence problems, i.e. the number of choices of a meal on a menu.

## Science

In science, we will be completing our unit on electricity and then moving onto a new unit called 'Animals including Humans'. Within this unit, the children will learn about the different parts of the digestive system and will do a fun activity called 'chewing to pooing.' We will also be looking at teeth and the different types we have and how to look after them correctly.

## RE

We will be exploring Christianity and will be specifically looking at God. In our RE lessons, we will be looking the Bible and how and why Christians use it. The children will begin by looking at figures of authority and how these might influence a person's life. We will then look at different readings from the Bible and discuss what they teach Christians.

## DT

This half term we will be focusing on electrical circuits. The children will begin by looking at electronic games and seeing how they work. Then using their science skills, the children will design and create their own electronic game using an electrical circuit to make a buzzer and light switch on when something is touched.

## Topic

This half term we will continue our History topic for this half term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be looking more in depth at the changes that happened during these periods and trying to answer the question: What changed between the Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Age in Britain and why? We will look at tools, houses and we will especially be looking at the many stone formations found within Britain. As part of our geography we will be looking at the similarities and differences between Wiltshire (Stonehenge) and Isle of Lewis (Callanish Stones)? We will be looking at the geographical regions within Britain and the settlements within this period.

## PSHE

We will be continuing our PSHE topic entitled 'Valuing differences.' We will be discussing potential consequences of aggressive behaviour that arise from this diversity and what is meant by stereotypes

## Music

This half term, we will begin to learn the recorder ready for our Christmas celebrations. We will compose a song using simple notes on the recorder. Whilst we are learning how to play, we will discuss the terms rhythm and pulse and increase our understanding of them.

## Computing

In computing, we will focus on using simple search technologies to research and we will also be recognising that some sources are more reliable than others.

## PE

This half term, we will be continuing our swimming sessions on Monday and we will also be taking part in Teddy tennis sessions on a Wednesday.