











	<p>Reading</p> <p>This half term we will be reading <i>The Boy at the back of the class</i>. 'There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help ...</p> <p><i>That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan...'</i></p> <p>In Destination Reader lessons, we will use a range of reading strategies such as questioning, inference, predicting, making links, clarifying, evaluating and summarising. We will also be learning how to answer assessment questions using the CLEAR model.</p> 		
<p>Writing</p> <p>Following 'The Write Stuff' approach, the year 4 pupils will cover three writing genres this term including: a diary, a third person adventure story and a narrative poem, which are linked to the core text or one of the foundation subject areas. The pupils will be exposed to a range of vocabulary, with a focus on developing spelling rules. We will continue to develop our sentence writing, with careful consideration around subject, audience and purpose of the genre.</p> 			
<p>Maths</p>  <p>This term the pupils will cover three units. The first unit will focus on securing multiplication facts. This will be followed units on fractions and then time. Daily lessons, along with Maths Meeting sessions will support pupils to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.</p>	<p>Science</p>  <p>In science, pupils will focus on animals including humans. Pupils will identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. They will also describe functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.</p>		
<p>Geography</p>  <p>This term we will be studying latitude and longitude. Pupils will identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).</p>	<p>RE</p>  <p>In our RE lessons, the focus will be on Judaism and Passover. The learning will be around the key question: <i>How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them do?</i></p>	<p>PSHE</p>  <p>In PSHE lessons the focus is around rights, rules and responsibilities. Within the unit, pupils will understand that rights are important and that they come with responsibilities at home and in school.</p>	
<p>Computing</p>  <p>Within this Computing unit, the pupils will be working collaboratively in a responsible and considerate way as well as looking at a range of collaborative tools.</p>	<p>Music</p>  <p>In music, pupils will explore the classical period through the music of Mozart. Pupils will develop their playing skills by learning to play melodic patterns on tuned percussion.</p>	<p>Art and Design</p>  <p>In this unit, pupils will respond to the traditional designs of kente cloth. They will create a range of surfaces, combining colour, texture and pattern.</p> <p>Design and Technology</p>  <p>In this unit, pupils will learn how to sew a button onto fabric. They will identify the different functions of fastenings and reflect on the advantages and disadvantages of using certain fasteners.</p>	
<p>PE</p> <p>Mondays – Swimming</p> <p>Wednesdays – PE (in school)</p> <p>Please ensure your child has their PE kit and swimming kit in school for these days.</p>	<p>MFL</p>  <p>In this unit, pupils will learn how to identify verbs in the first and second person along with reading sentences containing the negative form and new nouns.</p> <p>Important dates</p> <p>Thursday 9th January 2025 – Pantomime performance in school for children</p> <p>Friday 7th February 2025 – NSPCC Number Day</p> <p>Thursday 13th February 2025 – After school event - disco</p>		