



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Year 4

Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'Smashing Saxons'. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

Important information

- P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- We will be visiting a canal this term. Information to follow.
- Homework will be sent home on Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday.

Mathematics



Within Maths, children follow a mastery approach to explore: place value and decimal numbers including hundredths, multiplication and division. Children will also be given opportunities to build their arithmetic skills. We will revisit known multiplication facts in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check.

English

Key Text: How to Train a Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 4 will follow a phased approach to this text which will support the creation of their own narrative writing. We will develop our descriptive and character writing skills, as well as summarising ideas and using inverted commas to demarcate speech.

R.E.

Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God?

Year 4 will learn about how Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God and discuss the belief that Jesus has power and authority from God over every aspect of creation, life and death. We will also look at the Jewish Holy day of Shabbat.

History

Who were the Anglo-Saxons?

Year 4 will be learning about who lived in the British Isles at the end of Roman rule in Britain? We will explore who the Anglo-Saxons were and investigate why they chose to invade and settle in Britain? We will also be researching what life was like in Anglo-Saxon England.

Science

Electricity

In Science, children will be working scientifically to observe patterns, for example, what happens to bulbs when more cells are added? We will investigate the parts used in a simple-series circuits and find out all about insulators and conductors.

P.E.

Children will begin their school swimming lessons this half term. Once assessed, the children will practise a range of swimming strokes and develop their water confidence further. In dance children will be taught by Miss Helen and will learn to follow instructions, create their dance sequences and use expression to perform in the school dance showcase.



French

Encore

Children will learn how to describe people and their nationalities. We will also revisit colours, body parts and numbers and take part in conversations with more fluency.

Music

Year 4 will be exploring lyrics and singing in parts based on the theme, 'Our Time'. They will be looking at songs related to the present, past and future. The children will be thinking about a range of musical elements.

PSHE

Rights and Responsibilities

Children will explore the impact of anti-social behaviours and how this affects the feelings of all. They will also learn about their responsibility in looking after the world we live in and consider why we pay taxes.



Art/ DT

Can you use a loom to create jewellery?

We will be using wool winding techniques to create art piece using Anglo-Saxon jewellery as a stimulus.

Computing

Logo

In computing we will be using '2Logo' to learn how we can use different commands and codes to programme a turtle icon to create a range of shapes and patterns.