

Reminders

Homework

- Maths and topic homework is posted every Thursday onto the school website and given out on a Friday.
- In addition, your child is expected to read daily and practice weekly spellings.
- Completed homework should be posted onto Seesaw by the following Wednesday.
- Please mark your Maths homework using the answers on the school website.
- Homework is not marked in as much detail as your child's normal work but your child may receive house points or special recognition awards for their efforts in their homework.
- If you would like extra homework for your child, or if you are finding that your child is struggling, please speak to the class teacher as we have strategies, resources and mastery challenges for the children to complete.



<http://www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk/classes/year-4/homework-year-4>

Home Learning

- If for any reason your child is unable to attend school but is well enough to complete learning, home learning is available on the school website.
- Completed work should be posted on Seesaw before your child returns to school.



<http://www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk/home-learning/year-4>

P.E.

- Year 4 will have PE on a Thursday and a Friday.
- They need to come to school wearing their PE kit: house coloured T-Shirt, shorts/tracksuit and trainers.
- If the weather is sunny this term, we also advise wearing a sun hat and sun cream and bringing a water bottle.
- **Please ensure that hair is tied up and that your child is not wearing any jewellery, including earrings.**

Helping your child at home

- As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your child learn by supporting their emotional wellbeing. Please see the school website for links to support. <http://www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk/home-learning/pshce>
- As well as supporting your child with the homework outlined above, please see the milestones inside this leaflet.

Year 4

Summer Term Curriculum Update

2021



Important Dates for the Term

Sikh Visitor (RE)	Tuesday 20 th April
Visit to Gurdwara (RE)	Thursday 29 th April
May Day Holiday (school closed)	Monday 3 rd May
Arts Week	Monday 24 th May to Friday 28 th May
Junk Orchestra	Wednesday 26 th May
Year 4 Video Assembly Available.....	Friday 28 th May
Half Term	Friday 28 th May
Sports Week (Sports Day will be during this week)	Monday 14 th June to Friday 18 th June
Zoo Trip (Science/French).....	Thursday 24 th June
Transition Day	Thursday 8 th July
Break up for Summer Holidays	Friday 16 th July at 2pm

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Year 4 staff via schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk

English

We will be introducing the children to a poet named Michael Rosen so that they can appreciate, perform and write free verse poems. In the last half term, we will write persuasive letters to the Pixmore Governors to convince them to give year 4 a non-uniform day!

Mathematics

In maths we will first be focusing on time, reading both digital and analogue and converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock. Following on from this, we will be spending some time learning about negative numbers. We will also revisit long division this half term. Geometry will be covered again but this time looking at angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and plotting shapes on a grid.

Computing

This term, the children will learn to understand the difference between data and information. They will use sensors, dataloggers and other tools as part of their investigations. We will also use branching and flat-file databases to enter, organise and search data, deriving information which they present in different forms.

Topic (History/Geography)

In topic, we will learn what some European countries are famous for such as food and landmarks. To help with this, we hope to go to the Italian restaurant L'Artista and making pizzas. Children will then use atlases to locate countries in Europe and learn about their flags. Later, we will focus on a particular European country, in order to research mountains, coastal areas and cities.

Science

At the beginning of the summer term we will touch on food chains and then we will be learning about human teeth and digestion looking at all the organs in the digestive system and their jobs as well as the names of the different teeth and their functions. After half term we will finish off the year by revisiting habitats and comparing them between different seasons as we first looked at this in autumn and now it is summer.

Music

In music this term we will be looking at different musical elements such as beat, pulse and melody. We will be looking at staff notation and learn how to play a song on the glockenspiel.

RE

In the summer term, our RE lessons will be focused around Christianity first looking at the holy bible and the importance it has in the Christian religion as well as looking at some of the stories within the bible. We will finish off the year by looking at Hindu and Sikh holy texts. During the term we will interview a Sikh visitor and visit the Sikh place of worship the 'Gurdwara' in Letchworth.

PE

In the summer term, the children will be focusing on cricket and rounders skills and games. Within these lessons, they will be working mainly on throwing, catching, fielding, and how they can use them in game situations. The children in Year 4 will also be learning about athletics and the different running, jumping, and throwing events this will lead into sports day preparations.

French

The children will learn how to say what they like and dislike as well as their hobbies and sports. We will also be looking at healthy eating, body parts and animals. Our French story that we will be working on is called The Four Friends.

Art & DT

We will be spent on crafting and hand sewing a Viking pouch bag (this is carried over from the Spring term) and then the children will be using their science knowledge of circuits to design and create a Nightlight. In food technology (cooking) we will be looking at creating our own sandwiches and if time allows scrambled eggs. We will let you know when food technology will be taking place but please keep us up to date with any changes or food allergies concerns so we can factor these into the programme.

Learning Milestones Summer 2021

Milestones are targets that parents will engage with at home with their children in addition to your child's weekly homework. These may be life skills, academic skills or topic linked skills, which the children are going to need to develop over the course of the term.

Year 4's Summer Term Learning Milestones

Pick targets that will help close gaps for the majority and parents can support with at home.

- Be able to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock and to be able to tell the time using the 24 hour clock.
- To learn their 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.
- To be responsible for packing their bag for the school day, ensuring they have everything they need. Also to be responsible for packing their bags at the end of every day – making sure they have their reading books, spellings and homework for when they are due. Also making sure anything extra e.g. Forest school clothes, guitars etc are with them.
- Learn a new WOW word every week (advanced vocabulary e.g. an adjective like gargantuan) use it in your work and tell us what it means.