



Orchards Junior School

Year 4 teachers
 Miss Martin (Year Leader)
 Mrs Chana/Mrs Gower
 Mrs Charlton/Mr Hall
 Mr Cave
 Mrs Shackman

Key dates
 Windmill Hill meeting - ***TBC
 Parent Consultation Day – Monday 9th October
 Evening with the Troops - TBC
 INSET Day – Friday 20th October
 Half term – Monday 23rd –Friday 27th October
 Term finishes – Wednesday 20th December

Year 4 Curriculum outline – Autumn 2017

English & languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of key areas from Year Three. Weekly grammar, spelling and reading tasks. • Author study - Roald Dahl. Using his stories as inspiration. Poetry- Introducing different styles and figurative language. The Lion & the Unicorn - Exploring narrative writing. • Revising greetings in Spanish, numbers to 31 and dates.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value -Ordering numbers including negatives, estimating and approximating • Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - mental and written methods of calculation • Handling data, measuring and recording length, reading and recording units of time.
Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survival Science - How to survive in extreme weather conditions. • Temperature - keeping warm and insulation, heating and cooling, matter. • E-safety. Using publisher to design and make a bookmark.
History, Geography, R.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WW2 - the Blitz, evacuees, war poetry, workshops and discovery days. • Local geography - using map skills to explore our local area. Local trail. • Hinduism - origins, worship, Gods and beliefs. Christmas Story - pilgrimages & characters inc the shepherds
Art, Design & Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing and sketching .Artsit study- Quentin Blake. Exploring different techniques of press print. • Food Tech - seasonal cooking and produce. Hygeine and safety in the kitchen. Designing and making soups • Singing and musical theatre.
P.E. & PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance, gymnastics, invasion games and health related fitness • Getting to know you - developing skills of communication and participation. • Personal well-being.

Miss Martin says ...

It is so wonderful to see lots of familiar faces (and a few new ones) back at school and enjoying a fantastic start to Year Four! The children have been working hard to make a positive impression on their new teachers, and setting an excellent example to the new Year Threes. Please ensure all uniform is labelled including P.E kits (in a bag!)

There are lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks, and we have already enjoyed a brilliant day celebrating the work of Roald Dahl with fancy dress and a live stream to 'Roald Dahl Live' ... despite some dodgy costumes from the teachers! The donations raised will go towards helping a fantastic cause too. We can't wait to get stuck in to the rest of the year now... keep sparkling Year Four!

Let us know what you think: Is there an aspect of our topics that your child is particularly interested in? What would they really like to find out/explore/investigate? Are they already an expert/skilled in any of these areas? Do you have a skill/expertise we could use?

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Comments: _____

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