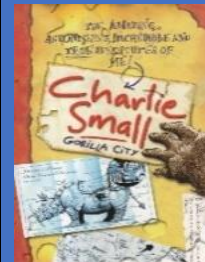


Year 4: Our Learning This Half Term

Year 4: Autumn 1	Key Dates
During their first term in Year 4, the children will embark on an exciting journey of learning across a range of subjects. In English, they will develop their descriptive writing skills, learning how to use ambitious vocabulary, powerful description and a range of literary techniques to bring their writing to life. In PSD, the children will explore a selection of new and engaging books, using these to support their personal, social and emotional development and encourage discussion around important themes and ideas. In History, the children will explore the fascinating topic of Windrush, a new area of learning for Year 4. They will discover more about the Windrush generation, their experiences and the significant impact they have had on British history and society. Alongside their classroom learning, the children will also have the exciting opportunity to begin swimming lessons at George's Swimming Academy, where they will develop their confidence, swimming skills and understanding of water safety.	Meet the teacher meeting – Wednesday 9 th September 5:00pm – 6:00pm PTA social event – Friday 25 th September Parent-teacher consultations -Wednesday 21 st and Thursday 22 nd October

English	This term, the children will immerse themselves in a range of exciting text types and develop their writing skills across a variety of genres. They will begin by focusing on descriptive writing, learning how to use ambitious vocabulary, detailed description and a range of literary techniques to create vivid settings and characters. The children will then explore diary writing, developing their ability to write from different perspectives and convey thoughts, feelings and experiences effectively. They will also learn how to structure and write reports, researching information and presenting it clearly using appropriate language and organisational features.	Our Literature 
Maths	This term in maths, the children will begin by developing their understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits within numbers and building confidence with reading, writing and comparing numbers. Following this, they will move on to addition and subtraction, developing a range of written and mental calculation strategies and applying these skills to solve problems. Alongside our main maths learning, we will begin to build in regular times table practice, helping the children to develop their fluency and recall of multiplication facts. This will provide a strong foundation for their continued maths learning throughout Year 4.	
Science	This term in science, the children will explore the fascinating topic of Sound. They will investigate how sounds are made and how they travel, exploring the relationship between vibrations and sound. Through a range of practical investigations, the children will explore how sounds can change in pitch and volume and consider how different materials affect the way sound travels. The children will have opportunities to plan and carry out their own investigations, make predictions, record their findings and use their scientific knowledge to explain what they have discovered.	
Humanities	This term in History, the children will begin a new and exciting topic exploring Windrush. They will learn about the arrival of the Windrush generation in Britain, exploring why people travelled to Britain, what life was like for them and the challenges and experiences they faced. Throughout the topic, the children will develop their understanding of historical significance, chronology and change, using a range of sources and evidence to learn about the experiences of individuals and communities. They will explore the important contributions made by the Windrush generation and consider the lasting impact they have had on British society and culture.	
Art	This term in Art, the children will explore how relationships and emotions can be represented through faces. They will investigate facial expressions, features and body language, considering how artists can communicate feelings and relationships through their artwork. The children will explore cartooning and caricature, experimenting with shape, line, proportion and exaggerated features to create expressive characters. They will develop their drawing skills and have opportunities to create their own cartoon faces that show different emotions, personalities and relationships.	
Music	This term in Music, the children will explore the fascinating world of making and classifying sounds. They will investigate how different sounds are produced and explore the ways in which sounds can be changed and combined to create music. Through practical activities, the children will experiment with a range of instruments and sounds, developing their ability to listen, describe, compare and classify different sounds.	
Religious Education	This term in RE, the children will explore the question "What kind of world did Jesus want?" They will learn about some of Jesus' teachings and the values he encouraged, including kindness, forgiveness, compassion, equality and helping others. Through stories from the Bible and opportunities for discussion and reflection, the children will consider how Jesus wanted people to treat one another and what these teachings might look like in the world today. They will also have the opportunity to reflect on their own ideas about what makes a fair, kind and caring world.	
Physical Education	This term in PE, the children will begin a brand-new PE scheme focusing on Fundamentals. They will develop a range of fundamental movement skills involving different parts of the body, building their coordination, balance, agility, strength and control.	
Personal & Social Development	This term in PSD, the children will begin a brand-new scheme centred around books. Through a range of engaging and thought-provoking texts, they will explore important themes, ideas and experiences, providing opportunities for discussion, reflection and personal development.	
MFL	The children will be focusing on the topics of 'je me presente' and 'la famille'.	
Computing	Our focus for computing this term is online safety.	