



Autumn Parent Map Year 4
2020-2021

Addendum: due to school closures as a result of COVID, all classes will spend some of Autumn 1 reviewing the crucial knowledge from each subject area that should have been covered in the previous year during spring Term 2, and summer terms 1 and 2.

Subject	Learning	Resources, Trips and Visitors
RE	<p>Year 4 will complete 2.5 hours a week of RE this year. We start our year reflecting on relationships with our family. We think about our own family tree as well as the family tree of God. Following this, we learn about the response to being chosen and the process of confirmations, what it symbolises and the promises made. After half term we move on to our final topic 'Loving' where we will explore the gift of love and friendship through the word of God.</p> <p>We look forward to spending a week learning about Islam. We will spend time learning about the Qur'an. Our final topic before Christmas is 'Advent'.</p>	<p>Visit your local church on a Sunday.</p> <p>Visit one the city's beautiful cathedrals.</p>
English	<p>We will read two fantastic books this term. Our first book is called 'The Whale' which follows the quest of two young explorers on their journey to the ocean in search of the world famous whale. Will they find what they're looking for? Does the creature exist? We will focus on setting descriptions and newspaper reports while reading these books.</p> <p>The children will be focusing on adverbs, adverbial openers, paragraphs, questions, contrasting, connectives, varying nouns, proper nouns and punctuating direct speech. Our second book is the wonderful 'The Journey'. Told through the eyes of a young girl, the story explores the unimaginable decisions made as a mother and her two children are forced to flee their home and everyone they know to escape the turmoil of war.</p>	<p>Ideas for the weekend:</p> <p>Read the local newspaper with your family.</p> <p>Watch the weather on the news daily.</p> <p>Read other journey tales.</p>
Maths	<p>During the term, we will continue to practice and extend our number and place value skills. Firstly, we will have loads of fun, learning to count in multiples of 6, 7, 8, 9, 25 and 1000. The children will then continue to learn about place value, working up to recognising 4 digit numbers. From this, the children will be able to solve problems such as ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000. We will also be looking at negative numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Throughout this term, we will be continuing to develop our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills by solving challenging problems. Towards the end of the term we will move onto learning about decimals, fractions, multiplication and division facts.</p>	<p>Ideas for the weekend:</p> <p>If you're going shopping, let your child calculate prices and sort out change.</p> <p>Wear a wristwatch.</p>
Science	<p><u>Electricity</u></p> <p>During the first half term, we will be investigating electricity. We will be conducting scientific enquiries by making electrical circuits and learning about electrical components such as cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.</p> <p><u>Sound</u></p> <p>After half term, we will learn about sound, including exploring patterns between the pitch and volume of a sound and features of the object that produced it.</p>	<p>Ideas for the weekend: Visit the Catalyst Museum</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2</p>



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Geography	During our geography lessons will be learning all about the Mediterranean and surrounding areas. We will study the map of Europe and enjoy talking about different aspects of their culture. We'll study landmarks, currencies, capital cities and food. We will also be using Digi map to plan our trips.	Plan and go on a walk.
History	Children will be learning all about Early Civilisations in their history topic this half term. We will look closely at where and when they first began, writing systems, trade, mathematics, technology and inventions and important buildings. We also look forward to studying black history.	History and information books Library Visits World Museum Liverpool
ICT/Computing	This term we will look at how to be responsible and respectful offline and online. We will cover the topics, self-image, identity, relationships and communication. We will also apply cross-curricular links in maths by making and using tables. In autumn 2 we will focus on 2-Privacy, security and information literacy in which we will be learning about protecting identity from online theft, sharing information online.	Download and play some coding apps.
Art	Year 4 Art this term will focus on the work of talented artist Ben Johnson. Firstly, we will research great architects and explore different shapes of buildings before learning about the features and genre of landscape printing. The children will also learn to create cityscape paintings by mixing colours and exploring line and colour combinations. After completing our cityscapes will aim to develop our analytical observation skills as well as discussing our work.	Trips: Museum of Liverpool to see the Liverpool cityscape by artist Ben Johnson. Ideas for the weekend: Look at the cityscapes from cities around the UK, can you do some artwork together based on what you see.
DT	This is my favourite topic! During our first term we will enjoy tasting, evaluating and making American food. We will further develop our skills in preparing and cooking food. In order to engage the children in the topic, children will sample a range of Mexican food so they will gain an insight into its preparation, as well as understanding how design technology impacts the world of production.	Trip: Consider buying some Mexican food from the supermarket to sample at home.
PE	We will have great fun developing our gymnastics, dance, hocking and football skills by improving our knowledge of tactics as well as dribbling and passing.	Ideas for the weekend: Do as much physical activity as you can. Remember we need 60 minutes a day. Go for a walk with your family.
Music	We look forward to learning the Mamma Mia soundtrack on glockenspiels and exploring the features of the music. We will also start learning how to play the clarinet. In doing so, the children will also learn how to apply key musical dimensions such as finding a pulse, clapping a rhythm and the use of pitch. We also look forward to learning how to compose and improvise using the clarinet, beginning with the A and G notes.	Listen to different genres of music. Why not write your own song at home?
PSHE	Year 4 will be focusing on understanding our community and the changes within it. We will then discuss ways to keep ourselves and others safe, understand loss and how to express our feelings and how to rebuild healthy relationships. We will spend some time looking at the impact of COVID and how to respect space and social distancing.	Discuss things with your family, do something fun together.
Spanish	We look forward to Spanish with Mr. Larkin this term where we will be developing our descriptive language to talk and write about people's hair and eyes. We will learn to give and understand opinions about school subjects, and tell the time	Ideas for the weekend: Visit a Spanish restaurant in town and



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	in Spanish to half past the hour. We will also become familiar with the Spanish alphabet and be able to say numbers up to 200.	try some tapas together. Can you order in Spanish? Use Google translate.
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* Not all subjects are taught in every half term.