

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2023

Our theme for Summer 1 is:



Our main focuses are:

- Discovering when prisons began and how punishments have changed over time,
- Understanding how and why the police was formed.
- We will also be looking at electricity within our Science lessons.
- We will be visiting the Galleries of Justice to learn all about Crime and Punishment.

Our theme will last for:

The theme will last for 6 weeks.



Physical, Social, Health and Economics. (P.S.H.E.)

Carrying on with our whole school theme 'No Outsiders in Our School', this term we will be exploring the book *When Sadness Comes to Call* by Eva Eland. We will be considering how to look after our own mental health during our P.S.H.E lessons.



Behaviour & Safety:

This term we will be learning about our own identity. This links to our British Value of 'Individual Liberty'

History

During our topic lessons, we will be looking at how crime and punishment has changed throughout the ages. This will mean re-looking at some History topics we have covered in previous years, trying to remember our time chronology and thinking about how crimes were punished. This will all lead to our trip to the Galleries of Justice!

P.E.

Throughout the term, we will be making the most of the weather (hopefully) and will be learning about Athletics. We will be focusing on running, jumping and throwing.

Polar Bears and **Penguins** will have their last swimming session on **April 24th**. **Arctic Foxes** and **Huskies** will begin swimming on the **15th May**.



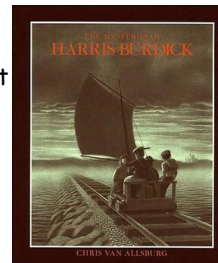
English:

Who is Harris Burdick? For more than 25 years, the puzzling mystery of this enigmatic illustrator has plagued the publishing and literary world. We will be channelling our inner Agatha Christie as we become amazing mystery writers this half term! Will our sleuth be up to the job of solving a mysterious crime?

We will start off by looking at some of the fantastic mystery stories that have been written on these thrilling illustrations. We will write a diary entry about how we found the photos and what we think of them. We will then be using our detective skills once again as we finish these stories off and give them the endings that they deserve.

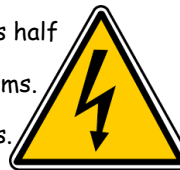
Did we do the pictures justice? You'll have to read our stories to find out!

Year 4 will finish the topic by creating a balanced argument about the photos and thinking about what we should do with them next.



Science

Buzz!! Some electrifying learning coming your way! This half-term, we're going to make sure we can catch those criminals by investigating circuits for our security alarms. We will carefully plan our design, developing our understanding of electricity and evaluate our creations. We will also be exploring common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.



Computing

This half-term, we are going to be learning how to effectively de-bug algorithms using Scratch. We will be learning to program and then de-bug when there are glitches in our algorithms!

French

Bonjour! We will be looking and learning about objects in the classroom using French. We will be matching the pictures to the phrases, writing sentences and consolidating our learning by completing a listening activity.

Shared home learning:

Please spend 20 minutes, as a minimum, reading with your child everyday and please ensure that they complete their reading journal in this time. This should be completed every day and there is an example of what is expected in the front of your child's journal. Optional homework is set on Seesaw every Monday, should you wish to do some work at home.

Dates for your diary:

- 24th April—R-E Day
- 1st May and 8th May—Bank Holidays
- 24th May—French Day
- 25th May—Galleries of Justice Trip

Mathematics:

Detectives need a great understanding of time, so we will be learning how to read analogue and digital clocks. We will learn how to convert between times such as between seconds and minutes or minutes and hours.

As we develop our understanding of position, we will find out just how far a prisoner will have to go to escape! Which would be the shortest and easiest route for the detective to catch the burglar? We will need to be able to plot points and describe position on grids to help the police so we need to use coordinates to do this.



We will also be recapping our knowledge of the four operations, and ensuring that we are secure in problem solving and reasoning with numbers.

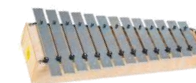
Throughout the year, we have been really focusing on learning and recalling our times tables at speed. It would be wonderful if you could help your child to practise their times tables as much as possible over this half-term. Please focus on all times tables up to and including the twelve times tables and their corresponding division facts.

Religious Education

This half-term, we will be looking at Christianity. We will be thinking about why faith is important to Christians and how their faith helps them to decide what is right or wrong.

Music

In Music, the pupils will be learning how to play the glockenspiel and also accompanying this with some singing! We will be using music from The Beatles for our inspiration this half term.



Art

In Art, we will be developing our photography skills! Our main aim is to use photography to create a piece of art work and to use an image to inspire sketching. These will all be based on the 'Mysteries of Harris Burdick'.

