

Bowlee Park Community School

Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2025

This is the Autumn term curriculum newsletter for Year 4. It sets out what your child will learn over the term. We hope you find it useful.

Mathematics

In Maths, children will start the Autumn term learning and understanding the place value of numbers within 10,000. Children will learn how to represent large numbers in a variety of ways, compare numbers, round numbers and order numbers up to 10,000. They will learn the Roman numerals to 100, learn negative numbers and solve problems using rounding and negative numbers. Children will then move to the addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers using their place value knowledge to use written methods confidently and look at problem solving with addition and subtraction.

A range of concrete and pictorial representations will be used to support children's understanding.

In Year 4, children undertake a national 'Multiplication Check'. All children in England will take this test in June 2025. Children will need to be able to recall the multiplication facts for all timestables to 12x12. They will have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Please support your child to learn their timestables in preparation for the test.

English

In English, we will be writing a fantasy narrative where children will write their own fantasy stories based on a short story 'Through The Washing Machine'. Children will be using their own ideas and creativity to entice their audience. Later in the term, our focus will switch to non-fiction writing where children will write their own newspaper reports based on the traditional tale 'Goldilocks'. Children will continue to use a wide range of grammatical features and focus on accurately punctuating sentences, spelling all words correctly and joining their handwriting.

In grammar lessons, we will consolidate our understanding of key grammatical features which children will need to be confident with such as: the class of words, commas for lists, apostrophes for singular and plural possession and fronted adverbials.

Through our comprehension lessons, children will be introduced to a range of genres and comprehension question types and taught a strategy to answer each. Please hear your child read aloud regularly and encourage them to read for at least 20 minutes per night.

History

In History, we will be asking the question 'How have children's lives changed?' where we will analyse sources to identify how children's lives have changed across history and look at the work and lives of children in the Tudor and Victorian times. We will also look at diseases children caught, their leisure time activities and the work of Lord Shaftesbury.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term is Rainforests.

Children will develop an understanding of biomes, ecosystems and tropics. They will map features of the Amazon rainforest and learn about its layers. They will also investigate the global human impact on the Amazon and carry out fieldwork to compare and contrast two types of forest.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this term is 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Meet the Brain'. We will understand the reason we have rules and understand that everyone can make a difference within a democratic process. We will be learning how we can train our mind by learning about different parts of the brain and how the brain can grow.

Computing

This half term Year 4 will be exploring 'Weather'. Children will learn what affects the weather, how important weather forecasting is and how some weather stations work. They will search the Internet for weather data and create charts and graphs as well as presenting weather forecasts. Later in the term, they will focus on research and data handling.

P.E.

This half-term (Autumn 1) our topic in PE is leadership, where we will learn what a play leader is, learn how to create and organise a game and how to lead games. After the half-term break (Autumn 2), we will move onto athletics, developing skills in running, javelin, triple-jump and hurdles.

Science

Our topic in Science this term is Animals including Humans. Children will learn to construct and interpret a variety of food chains and identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions. We will carry out an investigation into what damages teeth, where children will make their own predictions and draw conclusions based on results. As the topic progresses, they will learn how digestion works and will describe the functions of the digestive system.

Our second topic is Energy: Electricity and Circuits. Children will learn about sources of electricity, the dangers associated with it and how to create a circuit. As the topic progresses, they will learn which materials are insulators or conductors and what factors affect the brightness of a bulb. Children will plan and carry out their own scientific enquiries. They will make predictions, use a range of equipment, collect their results and interpret and evaluate their findings.

Music

In Music, we will introduce the cornet, and begin to learn how to look after and play the instrument. We will make choices as a class about which rhythms work best in a four bar phrase. In Autumn 2, we will prepare for the Christmas Concert and listen and discuss Baroque concerti.

R.E.

In RE, we will be focussing on Christianity this term and will be looking at what kind of world did Jesus want. We will be looking at gospels and the life and stories of Jesus as well as the work of evangelists. We will be reading different parables and talk about what these parables teach us about how Jesus wanted the world to be.

French

In French, children will learn to say and respond to different greetings. They will learn to say and write school rooms and classroom objects and read and understand classroom commands. In Autumn 2, we will focus on places in towns.

Homework

All homework in Year 4 will be online on LBQ, My maths or TT Rockstars.

Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the Wednesday. Codes for homework will be given by the class teacher. Spelling homework is set on Monday and is due in on Friday.

Reading

Year 4, children need to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home.

Please sign your child's log daily.

P.E.

Class 1 have PE on: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming).

Class 2 have PE on: Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday.

Class 3 have PE on: Monday and Thursday.

Class 4 have PE on: Thursday and Friday.

Swimming

From the middle of October, Class 1 will have swimming lessons on Tuesday and Class 2 will have swimming lessons on Wednesdays at Middleton Arena Leisure Centre. This will replace their PE lesson. Children can come to school in PE kit on swimming days. Further information will be provided.

If you would like further information about the school curriculum, please look on the school website under 'Key Information' then 'Curriculum'