



A Place to Grow

Year 4



English

This half term, Year 4 will be looking at the text 'Mars Needs Moms' as part of our Alien Invasion topic and the texts 'Gregory Cool', 'Hue Boy' and 'Colours of Home' as part of our Stories from other cultures theme.

The skills that the children will be working on are: use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme; including subordinating conjunctions to add extra detail to their writing; the use of figurative language and writing a range of sentence types using ambitious vocabulary.

Mathematics

This half term, Year 4 will be working on number and place value, which involves ordering, comparing and rounding; addition and subtraction; properties of 2D shape; symmetry and statistics (including bar charts and tables).



There will be a focus on learning multiplication tables through chanting and rapid recall activities. We'd value your support with this.

The children will continue to work on their arithmetic skills which will include the four operations and fractions

Science

This half term, the children will be exploring the digestive system and how the human body works. In addition to this, the children will be investigating with sound- how it is made and how it travels.

History:

The children will be investigating the Tudor period, looking at the monarchs, their lifestyles, buildings and clothing.

Geography:

Geography will involve looking at the continents with a focus on Europe and general place knowledge.

D&T /Art/Music:

Music lessons, with our music teacher Mr. Womble, will focus on Mamma Mia and learning Christmas songs.

In art, your children will be recreating images from space captured by the Hubble Telescope and then comparing features of Tudor paintings.

MFL:

The children will be continuing to learn French, the focus this year will be on transport, building and special places.

Computing :

In Year 4 we will be working with digital animation and digital programming.

RE:

RE will involve exploring Christianity, including it's festivals and traditions.

P.E./Games

The children will be enjoying swimming lessons at Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre, as well as engaging with basket ball, dance, net ball and gymnastics. Our PE lessons will take place on Mondays. Please ensure your child has their kit in school on this day.

PSHE:

In PSHE we will be looking at the topics New Beginnings, It's Good to be Me, Getting on and Falling out and also focusing on anti-bullying.

As part of our Social, Moral ,Spiritual and Cultural curriculum we will continue to interweave our school motto and core values into everything we do. Motto: **Perry Hall Primary, a place to grow in confidence, creativity and ability.**

At Perry Hall we are... **Respectful, Caring, Determined** (never give up) ,
Enthusiastic, Independent, Motivated

Helping Your Child At Home

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed back in on a Monday. This will include a piece of English Reading Comprehension and Maths homework each week. The homework will follow up work covered in class that week. Please use this opportunity to help your child and feel free to note down if there has been any problems.

Children will also be given spellings to learn each Thursday– these will be tested the following Thursday. Your support with this would be appreciated.

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes daily. Hearing your child read regularly and asking them questions about what they have read would be of benefit to them.

Autumn Term 2017 Dates

- **Roald Dahl dress Up Day**—Friday 15th September
- **Parents Evening**—Thursday 28th September
- **Perry Hall Macmillan Coffee morning** for our parents Friday 29th September 8.45—9.30 am
- **Black History Month**—October—details to follow
- **Year 1 & 2 Harvest Assembly** 2.30 pm Wednesday 11th October
- **Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly** 1.30pm Thursday 12th October
- **Year 5 & 6 Harvest Assembly** 2.30 pm Thursday 12th October
- **School Disco** Wednesday 18th October **KS1** 3.15 –4.15pm **KS2** 4.30-5.45pm
- **Diwali Activities with Parents /Carers** Thursday 19th October:
 - 10.00– 11.30 Diwali morning for AM Two's and AM Nursery .
 - 1.30 Diwali afternoon for PM Two's and Nursery
 - 2.00 Diwali afternoon whole school

Half term Break : Monday 23th October —Friday 27th October

- **Wearing Red for Remembrance** —Friday 10th November
- **Christmas performance**—dates to be confirmed

End of term: 2's and Nursery 19th December
Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm