



## Central Primary Curriculum Overview – Year 4 – Autumn Term 2

Subject Area	Content
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Reading:</b> Independent reading will happen every day, every child will read with an adult at least three times a week and some children read with an adult every day. Additionally small groups will have a structured guided reading session with the teacher once a week and also an LSA once a week.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> In English this term, we will first be looking at discussion texts. We will learn the features and language within the text type, understanding objective and biased opinions, how to construct an argument and building up up to writing our own. We will also be working on newspaper reports. How they are structured, the features included and planning and writing our own article.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>We will be looking at the following areas in maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subtraction</b></li> <li>• <b>Written multiplication (grid method)</b></li> <li>• <b>Written Division (short division)</b></li> <li>• <b>Fractions</b></li> <li>• <b>Symmetry</b></li> <li>• <b>Rounding</b></li> </ul> <p>In conjunction with these areas, each unit will be concluded with a real life investigation, in order to allow the children to understand the relationship between maths and everyday life.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p><b>Scientific Investigations Skills:</b> We will be learning to ask questions that can be investigated scientifically and decide how to find answers. We will be learning to think about what might happen (predicting) and suggest ways to collect and record data.</p> <p><b>Science Content:</b> This half term year four will be learning about electricity. We will be thinking about sources and consumers of electricity and conductors and insulators. We will then move on to understanding the dangers surrounding electricity before beginning to build circuits, recognising symbols for various components and investigation the effect of changing components within a circuit.</p>
<b>ICT</b>	<p>We will be looking at algorithms and programming making our own games using the software Scratch.</p>
<b>French</b>	<p>In French this half term we will be revisiting our work on animals. We will read the story &lt;&lt;<b>Ours Brun</b>&gt;&gt; and explore the use of adjectives to describe animals focusing initially on colour adjectives and French word order. Pupils will play with the language of the story and add their own sections exploring new animals.</p>
<b>Topic</b>	<p><b>Art:</b> We will be focussing drawing the school. We will be looking at the Victorian architecture of the building, drawing it and then using aspect frames to look at a small space in more detail.</p> <p><b>History:</b> We are learning about the history of the school and the history of Watford including the historic uses for the canal.</p> <p><b>Geography:</b> We will be studying local maps and learning map reading skills. We also have the opportunity to exchange work on our local area with a school in Germany. We will then compare the two local areas.</p>

<b>Music</b>	We will be continuing the voices foundation project. This term we will be beginning learn informal musical notation alongside constant consolidation of pulse, phrase, and rhythm work.
<b>P.E</b>	In PE, we will also be learning about different balances, rolls and ways to travel in gymnastics.
<b>PSHCE</b>	In PSHCE, we will be looking at managing emotions. We will focus in relationships and strategies to deal with our own and other people's reactions and response to different situations.
<b>R.E</b>	In RE, Light and Good versus Evil will be our focus point. We will learn about how light and new beginnings are represented in different religions, paying particular attention to the Festival of Lights and Christmas around the world.
<b>Educational Visits</b>	Tour of Watford – (Date TBC) Symmetry Hunt – (Date TBC)
<b>Things to bring</b>	Children must bring their reading book, reading record and homework diary to school every day. They may also bring a water bottle to keep in class. Please also remember to bring a full outdoor PE kit including trainers
<b>Dates to remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual School Photo Day - Wednesday 9th November 2016</li> <li>• Anti-bullying week - Monday 14th November 2016 - Friday 18th November 2016 –</li> <li>• Switch-it-off Week – Environmental Awareness - Monday 21st November 2016 - Friday 25th November 2016</li> <li>• School Book Fair - Monday 21st November 2016 - Friday 25th November 2016</li> <li>• Festival of Lights - Wednesday 23rd November 2016</li> <li>• Tree Dressing – No Good Work Assembly - Thursday 1st December 2016</li> <li>• Y3 &amp; Y4 Advent Visit to Derby Rd Church - Monday 12th December 2016</li> <li>• Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 21st December 2016</li> <li>• Christmas Carol Assemblies KS1 and KS2 - Thursday 22nd December 2016</li> </ul>