



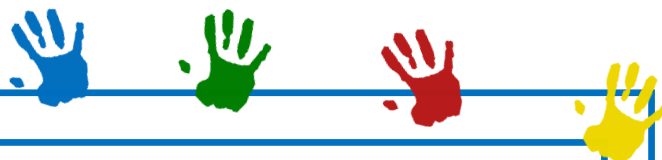
Year 4 Newsletter

Upton Junior School

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme for Term 1. Further detail about the curriculum can be found on our website or on MCAS.

DATES

Date	Activity	Year/Class
02/09/21	School opens to Year 4 and up at 10:30 am	Whole School
10/09/21	Colour Run	Whole School
13/09/21	Clubs Start (more details to follow)	Whole School
16/09/21	Individual Photos	Whole School
08/10/21	Hello Yellow—Mental Health Awareness Day (non-uniform wear Yellow)	Whole School
18,19,20/10/21	Parent Consultations (details to follow)	Whole School
22/10/21	End of Term 1 (school closes at normal time 3:15 pm)	Whole School
<u>START OF TERM 2</u>		
01/11/21	INSET day: School closed to all pupils	Whole School
02/11/21	School opens to all pupils from 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School



TOPICS FOR TERM 1

Life on Earth

In this topic, pupils will learn all about human and animal life on Earth. In Science, pupils will have to opportunity to construct and interpret food chains, understand how materials change state and explain the water cycle. They will also learn how animals are becoming endangered and how the UK has laws to preserve them. In DT, pupils will link their learning by designing and creating an environmentally friendly house and garden. In History, pupils will learn about the lives of Edmund Hillary and Junko Tabei and the journey they took up Mount Everest. In Geography, pupils will how to locate oceans and seas on a map and explain how rivers are formed through the water cycle. Through Art, pupils will explore environmental and manmade patterns and use this to create their own patterns and to tessellate them.





ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

[Music - Term 1 4R and 4Y]

At Upton we teach the National curriculum for music through the focus of a different instrument each year.

Year 4 - In Year 4 the children will be learning to play Violins and bowed instruments.

(if your child already plays the violin, viola, cello or double bass, please let me know via email, they might want to join our String Club!

For all lessons, instruments are provided by the school but are not allowed to be taken home. If your child has their own instrument, please ensure it is labelled clearly, both on the instrument and the case!

[Computing- Term 1 4B and 4G]

This unit follows up the earlier units on programming Scratch on a computer. In this unit, the children write quizzes by combining questions. While specific skills in Scratch are taught, the unit aims to teach children the wider programming skills of solving problems, testing, debugging, improving and evaluating.

[PE and Swimming]

All classes will have PE in Term 1

PE takes place every **Wednesday**. Children will need to come in wearing their outdoor PE kits which they can stay in for the day.

4R and 4Y will have Swimming Term 1

Swimming: Lessons will be on a **Thursday (children to come wearing uniform)**. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, swimming costume (full swimsuit for girls and fitted shorts for boys), swimming hat, goggles and towel in a bag. Please ensure all items are named.

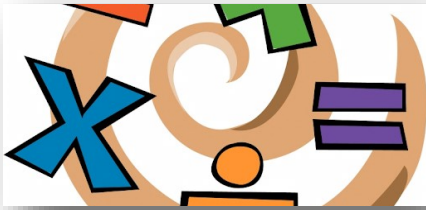
Modern Foreign Languages

Children will continue to learn Mandarin as our school language.

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In Year 4 we will be looking at Sikhism.





MATHS

Number: Number and Place Value

- Represent numbers to 1000
- 100s, 10s, and 1s
- Number line to 1000
- Round to nearest 10
- Round to nearest 100
- Count in 1000s
- 1000s, 100s, 10s, and 1s
- Partitioning
- Number line to 10,000
- Find 1, 10, 100 more or less
- Compare and order numbers
- Count in 25s

Number: Addition and Subtraction

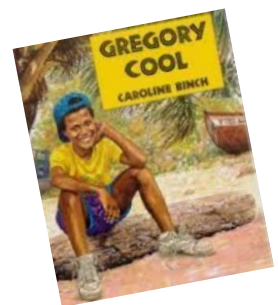
- Add and subtract 1s, 10, 100s and 1000s
- Add two 3-digit numbers- no exchange
- Add two 4-digit numbers- no exchange
- Add two 3-digit numbers- with exchange
- Add two 4-digit numbers- with exchange
- Subtract 3-digit from 3-digit number
- Subtract 4-digit from 4-digit number
- Efficient subtraction
- Estimate answers
- Checking strategies

ENGLISH

At Upton we believe that reading should truly be at the heart of the English curriculum. Through reading, pupils learn how to write and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions.

Reading is a pillar of our civilization, present in every facet of society, and pupils who read well will ultimately have greater access to our textually rich world. Generating a long-lasting love of books and affinity with quality texts is key to an inclusive and inspiring English Curriculum. With this in mind, we have adopted a 'Text-Based Curriculum', where all aspects of English teaching and learning revolve around a chosen text.

The books we will be reading in our English lessons in Term 1 are:



'Please care for Mother Earth, together we can make a difference!'

Lynne Cherry

GREGORY COOL
BY CAROLINE BINCH
THE GREAT KAPOK TREE
BY LYNNE CHERRY



Home Learning

Please continue to encourage your child to undertake regular practice of multiplication facts (at least three times a week) as part of their homework on the website Times Tables Rockstars.



We ask that children read a minimum of three times a week and send your child's reading record into school daily.



READING

Minimum three times a week. Reading record must be signed by an adult.

Reading can be completed on your own or with your parents.



CROSS CURRICULAR

Once a week - set on Friday, handed in on Wednesday.

Task will be uploaded onto the class blog on the Upton Website every week.

Task to be completed in exercise book and can be completed in any way children like - be creative!

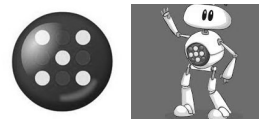


TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Minimum three times a week.

Can be completed on tablets, laptops or mobile phones though the app or the website.

Login details available in MCAS app under 'Reports' tab.



MYMATHS

Once a week - Friday to Friday.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the subjects being taught in class that week.



SPELLING SHED

Three times a week.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the spellings being taught in class that week.

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