

Year 4 Term 1 Curriculum Overview

Blean Primary School



Learning Together to Enjoy and Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to Year 4. Please have a look over our curriculum for this coming term. Our enquiry question this term is, **"Is change a good thing?"** Our Golden threads are **Conservation and Sustainability and Social Justice**.

English:

Our learning this term will be centred on the book: 'Leon and Bob'. We will be using a variety of speaking and listening, drama and active learning approaches to embrace the writing process. Children will learn techniques to help them develop their writing; these will include expanded noun and adjectival phrases and speech punctuation. Alongside this, the children will develop their reading skills, as well as those of spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Maths:

We begin the term by ensuring the children have a depth of understanding around place value, and then introduce formal methods of addition and subtraction. Fun, game-playing and 'real life' practical application of skills will underpin our Maths learning in Year 4.

Science:

Our topic this term is 'States of Matter'; this will include classifying materials according to their properties and observing changes in materials when they are heated and cooled. Within this topic, we will be developing our working scientifically skills by taking part in lots of experiments.

History:

Our enquiry question this term is **"Is change a good thing?"** As part of our learning, we will be investigating the life and significance of Walter Tull. During this topic, we will explore his achievements and legacy within both his football career and his time in the army during World War 1. Throughout this topic, we will make comparisons and contrasts to life today and the lives of others.

RE:

Our theme this term is **"Why Do Some People think Life is a Journey?"** We will be learning about rites of passage in several world religions.

Jigsaw PSHE:

This term our topic is called **'Being Me in My World'**. We will learn about our school community and the roles people play in this. We will also explore the idea that everyone has a right to learn and how we can take responsibility for this.

Spanish:

This term we will be recapping core language in greetings, numbers, days and months.

Art:

This term we will create a wire clay model of Walter Tull. We will be exploring existing products to inspire our own. We will also look at the work of Augustin Edouart and create our own silhouette artwork.

Computing:

Children will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet and be given opportunities to explore this themselves. They will evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate or reliable it is and understand the consequences of false information.

Music:

The children will begin learning the violin this term.

PE and Games:

This term in PE, we will be studying gymnastics and developing our balances, travelling and use of equipment. In Games, we will be developing a range of skills to use within the games of football and rugby.

Our PE /Games days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Forest School days are Tuesdays.

Home Learning:

We really value the support you provide to your child's learning by regularly reading with them, as well as helping them to practise their times tables and spellings.

Home Learning will alternate between a set of times tables and a My Maths task, and, on alternate weeks, a Reading Comprehension. These tasks will be posted on **Google Classroom** each Thursday and should be completed in Home Learning books and handed in the following Tuesday.
Thank you.