



Year 4 Newsletter

Term 1

What will be learning this term?

In Maths, we will be covering 3 main concepts. We will start with place value which then leads nicely into addition and subtraction. At the end of the term we will be applying our addition skills to help us find the perimeter of shapes.

In English, we will be reading the text 'Saving Sorya, Chang and the Sun Bear' by Trang Nguyen, an environmental conservationist. We will use the text to create our own narratives.

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will start with learning about the digestive system in humans and then move on to looking at food chains.

In Geography we will be exploring the topic of rainforests. We will consider where in the world they are, the layers that make up a rainforest and some of the threats that rainforests face.

In Art we will be exploring the artist of Makenzie Thorpe. We will create paintings using watercolour paints and we will be focussing on nature inspired scenery.

In RE lessons we will be thinking about the Big Question, "What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?"

In PE, children will be developing their knowledge of athletics, with the focus being jumping. Some children will also go swimming.

In Computing we will be exploring computer systems and networks, developing our understanding of how information is shared online.

In PSHE our topic is 'My Healthy Self'. Throughout the unit will be looking at healthy eating, the importance of physical activity and how to seek support when you need it.

For more information about what your child in learning this term, please visit: [Our Curriculum | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)

Home Learning

Year 4 Love to Learn - Term 1

Weekly Home Learning Expectations:

- Frequent reading logged in your Reading Record
- Frequent spelling practise using Spelling Shed or other spelling activities (see website for ideas)
- Frequent times table practise using Times Tables Rockstars or other times table activities (see website for ideas)

Throughout the term, you are welcome to choose any of the below activities and showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn Journal. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

Walk through a forest	Learn how to play Clock Patience	Help with a household chore
Create an A-Z of places in Europe	Swim outside	Find out about the year one of your grandparents was born
Draw and label a diagram to show what you know about the human digestive system.	Choose a plant or an animal of the rainforest and research it. Present any information you find as a poster.	Teach someone at home to have a conversation in French. Think about: asking how someone is, their name and how old they are.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st September

First day of Term 1

Friday 25th September

French Day

Wednesday 7th October

Come and See

Friday 9th October

Harvest Celebration

Friday 16th October

Last day of Term 1

Monday 2nd November

First day of Term 2



Come and See dates for the year

Term 1 - 7.10.26

Term 3 - 5.2.27

Term 4 - 17.3.27

Term 5 - 14.5.27

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact the Phase Leader email to arrange a meeting or phone call. For more information about SEND, please visit: [SEND | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)