Greenmount Primary School

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWS



WHAT ARE WE DOING AT SCHOOL THIS TERM?

English: The children will develop their narrative writing skills by creating an exciting story based on the animated short film 'Spy Fox'. They will also explore character perspectives by conducting an interview with a tiger, using the insights gained to write an imaginative diary entry from the animal's point of view.

Maths: We are mastering four-digit numbers. Children will order, compare, and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, or 1000. They will also use formal column methods to add and subtract numbers up to 4 digits.

Science: We are exploring States of Matter. Children will learn to compare and group materials as solids, liquids, or gases. They will investigate how materials change state when heated or cooled. We will also study evaporation and condensation within the water cycle.

Art: We are studying the famous artist Pablo Picasso. Children will explore the features of Cubism and learn how to use shape, color, and perspective to create abstract portraits. They will practice drawing facial features from different angles and combine them into their own Picasso-inspired masterpieces.

Geography: We are heading All Around the World! They will identify the positions of the Equator, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn while exploring how climate zones change across the globe.

RE: Our topic is The Story of Diwali: Good and Evil. Children will explore how light triumphs over darkness by learning the traditional Hindu story of Rama, Sita, and the demon king Ravana. They will discover how Hindus celebrate this festival today by lighting diyas and discuss how the theme of good overcoming evil relates to their own lives and morals.

PSHE: Our theme is Me and My Relationships. The children will explore how to recognise different, changing emotions. We will discuss how to handle being 'under pressure' and look at what is 'ok or not ok' to help them build safe, positive friendships.

Computing: Our topic is Connecting Computers. The children will explore how computing systems and networks work, learning how different digital devices share information. They will discover what a network is, look at how the school's computer system is connected, and learn to identify the parts that help digital devices communicate safely.

Music: Our unit is Words, Words, Words in which children will explore how to use spoken words, chants, and lyrics to create rhythmic patterns and melodies. They will learn to layer sounds together to create texture, practicing how to sing or play an instrument in tune while keeping a steady beat.

PE: The children will develop their spatial awareness, passing, and teamwork skills through tag rugby. Alongside this, they will take part in fun fitness sessions to improve their strength, agility, and overall stamina.

AT HOME YOUR CHILD COULD...

- **Create a Picasso Portrait:** Draw a family member or a pet, but mix up the facial features from different angles using bright, bold colours.
- **Write a Spy Story:** Draw a comic strip or write a mini-adventure starring "Spy Fox" on a secret mission.

AS A FAMILY YOU MIGHT LIKE TO...

- **World Atlas Detective:** Open Google Earth or a world map and try to find countries in the Northern Hemisphere, in the Southern Hemisphere and on the Equator.
- **Share the Story of Diwali:** Act out the story of Rama, Sita and the ten-headed monster Ravana using toys or shadow puppets on the wall.