

As we look towards the new school year, we hope that this overview provides you with a little more information about the subjects the children will be learning about when they return for the autumn term.

In Geography, we will be learning about rivers, finding out how they are formed and also about the water cycle. We will start our History unit off by finding out about the Anglo Saxons. We will be answering our enquiry question of **Why did the Anglo-Saxons come to Britain and did their settlement make Britain a better or worse place to live?**

In science, our first unit is 'Sound' where the children will learn how sounds are made. They will learn about pitch and volume through a variety of investigations. After half term the children will be learning all about 'Electricity'. As part of this unit they will learn to make a simple circuit and identify some common conductors and insulators.

Our PSHE themes will be 'TEAM', where the children will focus on how to work well in a team and why it is important to do so and our second unit will be 'Aiming High'. In this unit children will look at their aspirations for the future and how they will achieve this. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values, such as democracy, individual liberty and rules within our society.

In R.E. children will consider the question **What do Christians learn from the creation story?** We will also find out about the festivals and traditions of family life for Jewish people?


Human form using pen and charcoal is the theme of our art lessons. They will look at the work of different artists including Henry Moore and Leonardo Da Vinci. Our Design Technology project will be focusing on food technology where the children will explore and make their own healthy wraps.

In Computing, children will be looking at how internal networks and the internet works. They will be working with networks both through an unplugged and plugged in approach. Children will see how we make printers and other auxiliary devices complete the tasks we ask them to.

They will then look at stop motion animation, where they will again complete unplugged tasks before using their understanding to create a stop motion animation of their choosing. They will look at the key areas and a variety of stop motion films, tv shows or short animations.

Design and technology focusses on Electrical systems. This will link to science in the second term. We will be looking at how an electrical system works and the components involved before creating our own system to make a torch. We will need to use our cutting, joining and problem solving skills throughout.

The children will be taught French by Mrs Savidge - they will be learning a selection of the key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation as part of their language learning experience. Following this the children will learn the skills to be able to introduce themselves, say how they feel and have a wider appreciation for the country/countries where the foreign language is spoken.

The children will continue their weekly music lessons with Mr Foster. They will cover a range of skills, learn new songs, compose their own pieces.  Year 3 will begin to learn to play the recorder during these lessons and Year 4 will continue to develop their recorder playing skills from last year.

In P.E. lessons, children will be following units linked to dance, hockey and basketball. Swimming lessons will take place for 4P this term. Children need to come to school in their P.E. uniform on their allocated P.E. days.

Amblecote Primary P.E. Uniform is:

- Plain black* shorts (No logos). These are required for all indoor PE lessons. Shorts should be of an appropriate length
- Plain white round neck t-shirt (No logos)
- Plain black* jogging bottoms
- Plain black* sweatshirt/zip up jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather (No logos)
- A pair of plain sports trainers - suitable for outdoor P.E. (no converse or high tops)
- White or grey ankle socks

Please refer to the uniform policy recently shared on ClassDojo - for this academic year navy joggers, shorts and sweatshirt/zip up jacket may be worn.

Children will need to keep a pair of black pumps in a drawstring style pump bag kept in school, for indoor P.E. in the hall.

For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE under any circumstances. Long hair must be tied up for P.E. lessons.

As our daily class book, we will be enjoying the text 'Tilly and the Time Machine' by Adrian Edmondson and 'Toto the Ninja Cat' by Dermot O'Leary. In our English lessons, we will be using a range of short videos and visual prompts to form the basis of our writing lessons. We will also be continuing our SPAG lessons, focusing on the essential skills children need to know in Years 3 and 4 to make their writing wonderful.



We will continue to follow our spelling curriculum. The children will have spellings set weekly in their diary for them to work on. Their spellings will be set on a Monday to be practised for the following Monday.

We will continue with our reading rewards. To be part of the reading celebration children need to do the following:

Read a minimum of 3 times a week at home (diaries need to be signed for us to know that this has happened), for 30 weeks over the year.

For children in KS2, who are using Accelerated Reader, they also need to complete 15 Accelerated Reader Quizzes - achieving their gold award.

In Maths we will be covering all areas of the curriculum following the White Rose Maths Scheme.



Please continue to help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. All children have a TTRockstars log in and password. Maths teachers will set a 15 minute weekly session on this for the children to complete at home. Children will also be given an additional piece of Maths homework to consolidate their learning.



Key information:

Day	What's happening
Monday	Spellings - previous week's spellings are tested and new words to learn are set. Homework club - lunchtime with Miss Skirving.
Tuesday	3/4S (Indoor) 3/4S Music
Wednesday	3/4S & 4P P.E. (Outdoor) 4P & 3J Music Maths Homework set & due in - including TTRockstars
Thursday	3B P.E. (Outdoor)
Friday	4P Swimming (from 20.09.2024) 4P Indoor P.E. when not swimming 3B P.E. (Indoor)

Please remember children need to have a named water bottle in school: only water please!

As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please contact us via ClassDojo. Any important/urgent messages please contact the school office - teachers will not be able to check Dojo whilst they are teaching. Any information we need to pass on will be shared on ClassDojo. Occasionally P.E. days may change, we will notify you of this through ClassDojo also.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We look forward to a wonderful autumn term.

Miss Skirving, Mr Pitts, Mrs Brannon and Mrs Barstow



Year 3 & 4
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Our school values this term are friendship & kindness.