



Bursley Academy

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

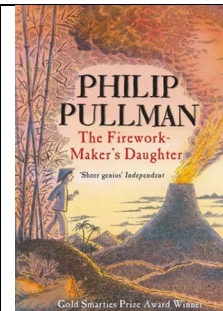


Welcome to Year 4! Our team consists of Miss Rushton (class teacher and P.E lead), Mrs Jones' (class teacher and Maths lead), Mrs Zak and Mr Gratty (teaching assistants) and Mrs Beech who will be teaching in Year 4 on Tuesdays. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year we have ahead of us. The year ahead is going to be filled with lots of exciting enrichment opportunities, memorable trips, and a wide range of interesting and engaging topics to explore and learn about. We are so delighted to welcome all of our children and families back and are looking forward to a fantastic year together.

English

In our English lessons, this term, we will be studying *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. Through this exciting text, we will practise and develop our **reading comprehension skills**, exploring characters, events, vocabulary and the author's use of language.

We will also learn how to write an effective **character description**, using evidence from the text to describe a character's appearance, personality, thoughts, feelings and actions. We will focus on selecting relevant details and using ambitious vocabulary to create clear and engaging descriptions



Maths: This half term, we will be focusing on place value, where children will develop their understanding of numbers up to 10,000. They will practise reading and writing numbers, ordering and comparing numbers, estimating, and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We will also be developing our skills in addition and subtraction, working with numbers of up to four digits. Children will build their confidence using written methods and apply these skills to solve a range of mathematical problems.

As times tables are a key focus in Year 4, particularly in preparation for the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check, we kindly remind you to support your child with regularly practising all multiplication facts, as well as the related division facts, at home. Below are some recommended websites that can be used to support times tables practice:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
<https://trockstars.com>

Foundation Subjects

Science: In our 'States of matter' unit, we are learning about changes of state and exploring how materials can change between solids, liquids and gases.

Geography: In our 'Rivers and coasts' unit, we will be developing map work skills and developing our geographical knowledge of the UK.

Art: In our 'Drawing' unit, we will develop our understanding of perspective through a range of drawing techniques.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE): In our 'Strengths, skills and interests' unit, we will be setting targets for the academic year and we will also be participating in weekly Glow workshops.

Religious Education (RE): In our 'Rites of passage' unit, we will explore the special events and occasions that are celebrated within Christianity.

Computing: In our 'Internet' lessons, we are learning about what the internet is, how it works and how it can be used safely.

Key Dates

Every Monday: From w/c 14.09.26- Y4GR class– swimming lessons begin (PE kits to be worn and bring in swimming kit)

PE: Every Tuesday for both classes

Outdoor Education: Y4EJ- every Thursday (PE kits to be worn and we also ask that weather-appropriate clothing is brought into school as needed, such as a waterproof raincoat and wellington boots for wet weather, or a sun hat and sun cream for warmer, sunnier days).

14.10.26 SEND Parents' evening

15.10.26 Parent meeting on Multiplication Check

22.10.26 Halloween Disco

If you have any questions, please email office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jones and Miss Rushton

