

Year 4 Learning Letter

A huge welcome back. We all hope that you are ready for the year ahead and are as excited to start Year 4 as we are. There are some new faces in Year 4 this year: We have Mrs Joynson in 4.2 and Miss Myhan who is teaching 4.3. Mrs Allen, Mrs Mbenque, Miss Simmons, Mrs Hudson and Miss Jones also join the Year 4 team.

We hope that you had a fantastic summer and that you all managed to enjoy a well-deserved rest before we start our new academic year.



Please follow our Year 4 X for updates about what's happening in class
@Year4Monksdown

Important information for you

- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to stay hydrated and they can be refilled during the day.

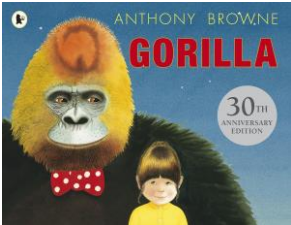
Children should bring their reading books to school each day along with their reading records.

- PE days for each class are

4.1	4.2	4.3
Friday	Friday	Friday

Full PE kit is needed in school each week. White T-shirt with navy blue shorts along with a pair of pumps or trainers.

English



We will be using the story 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne to develop writing skills this half term.

During this unit of work, the children will write a narrative based on the story of 'Gorilla'. The children will plan their writing by discussing the structure, vocab and grammar of similar writing. We will expand noun phrases by adding modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases. The children will learn the importance of carefully selecting appropriate nouns and pronouns for clarity and cohesion as well as using fronted adverbials. During this unit the children will also use paragraphs to organise their writing around different themes.

Maths

This half term, children will be focusing on:

Place value

- Representing numbers to 1000
- Focus on 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s and the composition of numbers
- Work with number lines to 1000
- Round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Count in thousands
- Partition numbers
- Find 1, 10, 100 or 1000 more or less
- Compare numbers
- Order numbers
- Negative numbers
- Roman numerals

Addition and subtraction

- Add and subtract large numbers using exchanging
- Efficient methods of addition
- Efficient methods of subtraction
- Checking strategies

Wider Curriculum in Year 2

Science - Electricity - Children will household devices and appliances run on electricity, construct a range of circuits explore which materials can be used instead of wires to make a circuit

DT - Electrical Systems - Children will use their knowledge of electricity to identify components of a circuit and identify best conductors in their final product.



Computing - Children will learn about the concept of branching databases and create their own using presentation software.

RE - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? - Children will explore the 4 aims of life and the idea of karma. They will find out how Hindus have made a difference to the wider-world and what it is like to live in Britain as a Hindu today.

PSHE - Being me in my World - Children will explore the importance of being part of a team, how to be the best version of themselves and how their actions can affect themselves and others.

Geography - A region in the UK (The Lake District) - The children will locate the Lake District on a map of the UK; identify the Lake District's physical geography and compare this to our local area; and identify the positives and negatives of tourism on the area.

PE - Invasion games (Rugby) - Children to continue to learn simple attacking tactics using a range of equipment and sports specific skills. The children will develop attacking skills in a 4 v 2 invasion game called On the Attack.

 **ESSENTIAL WORK** 



HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES



STAR CHALLENGE



Essential work

Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home

Practise your timetables up to 12 x 12

Practise your handwriting including joins and size of letters

Help an adult to prepare and cook a meal for your family.



Write a setting description for your favourite place in the whole World.



Design a poster about electrical safety.



Create a dance to an ABBA song.



Create a warm up game that we could use in one of our PE lessons.



Create a fact-file all about Gorillas.



Create a birds eye model of an area of land which includes a lake. Can you add any tourist areas?

Create a Hindu temple out of any materials you find suitable.

Thinking about our PSHE topic, create a family tree of all the people in your life.