

Dear Year 4 parents/carers,

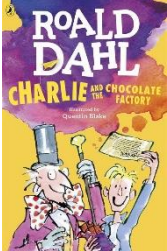
Welcome to Year 4. We hope you have had a restful summer break and are looking forward to starting the new term. Our theme this term is 'Who am I? and Who am I becoming?'
Please read below to see what we will be exploring this half term in each of the subject areas.

Attendance

Oasis Putney's attendance target is **97.5%**.
Ensure your child does not fall below this percentage. Every minute matters.

As writers we will be learning to...

We will be focussing on narrative and non-fiction writing this term. We will be using the following texts as our stimulus – 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Beautifully Different and Wonderfully the Same'. We will be writing a narrative piece and a poetry piece of writing. We will also be focussing on grammar, spelling, and handwriting throughout the term. We will be using the 'Writing Rainbow' as our focus learning points and building on our prior learning.



As mathematicians we will be learning to...

Use place value and addition and subtraction.

Place value:

- Represent and partition numbers to 1000
- Represent and partition numbers to 10,000
- Find 1,10,100,1000 more or less
- Estimate, compare and order numbers to 10,000
- Roman numerals
- Round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000

Addition and Subtraction:

- Add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s 1000s
- Add up to two 4-digit numbers – no exchanging, with exchanging and with more than one exchange.
- Subtract two 4-digit numbers - no exchanging, with exchanging and with more than one exchange.
- Efficient subtraction
- Estimating
- Checking strategies



As readers we will be learning to...

We will continue practising the VIPERS skills: vocabulary, inferencing, predicting, explaining, retrieving, and summarising through a range of texts.

We will be studying the following texts:

Maggie Dooley
What is bullying?
The Skeleton
Journey to the centre of your body
The Raven and the Crow
A letter home.

As musicians...

We will be learning to play the clarinet and

As linguists...

We will be continuing to learn Mandarin this term.

As theologians we will be learning about Hinduism

- To know what Hindus believe
- To understand the importance of reincarnation
- To understand the history of Hinduism
- To explore the Hindu festival of Navratri
- To explore the Hindu festival of Dussehra.

As scientists, we will be learning about nutrition, teeth and digestion

- Understanding how animals including humans get their energy from what they eat.
- Understand how teeth help digestion.
- Understand the digestive process.

As geologists we will be learning about the UK and Mozambique.

- To know about cities and regions in the UK.
- To know key facts about Mozambique
- To identify climate zones around the world.
- To know what it is like to live in each climate zone.

As historians we will be learning about the history of Britain.

- To know about the railways in Britain
- To use a timeline to explain changes about the railways.
- To use terms such as decade and century to describe a period of time.
- To know about the history of mining in Britain
- To place events on a timeline about the mining period

As good citizens we will be learning to...

- Know how to manage emotions.
- Understand that my personal behaviour can affect other people.
- Recognise and model respectful behaviour online.
- Know strategies for keeping safe online.
- Know the impact of bullying and the consequences of hurtful behaviour.
- Understand what discrimination is.
- Understand what discrimination is and how to challenge it.



In computing, we will be learning about online safety and coding.

As athletes, we will be learning about..

Fitness and healthy lifestyles
Object control in invasion games: football

As aspiring designers and entrepreneurs, we will be learning about...

- Use of 3-d dimensions and architecture
- Degrees and qualities of light and dark
- Texture with line and shape

Homework

Children will be given a half term overview for homework. These will include a maths, English/topic and spelling section. Homework will go out on Fridays and must be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Maths-There will be a mixture of homework activities that will be completed in books and on Sumdog.

English/topic – There will be a mixture of homework activities that will be completed in books and creatively.

Reading – All children will take a reading book home at the appropriate level. Please ensure that you are reading daily and completing the reading record. Books can be accessed online too through Access It.

Spelling – All children will be sent home spellings each week, and they will be tested weekly. There will also be a spelling challenge set on Spelling Shed which matches the words they will be learning.

Times tables – Children will also be encouraged to focus on their times tables throughout the year using Sumdog and Maths Factor. The children must learn all of the times tables up to x12.

Notices and reminders

- **PE is on Wednesday and Fridays.** Please ensure that your child is sent into school with the correct kit on those days.
- Children should be reading daily either independently or with you. This must be recorded by them/you in their reading records. These will be checked weekly.
- Ensure your child brings in their iPads, reading records and reading books every day.