

Year 4 Spring Term 2025

At Plat Douet Primary School every learner is entitled to a curriculum rich and varied, challenging and inspiring, which enables every individual to reach their fullest potential to the highest possible standard and allow all pupils to 'be the best they can be'.

During this term we will be learning through the following curriculum areas:

English

We will continue to use structured learning journeys, each inspired by a different high-quality text. This term we will be looking at How to Build a Robot, Planet Full of Plastic, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, and How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson. Within these learning journeys, children will be discussing features of the texts, using dramatic devices for deeper exploration and writing in a range of genres, including poems, explanation texts and narratives.

Vocabulary - Preposition, conjunction, clause, inverted commas, prefix, suffix, paragraph, explanation, narrative and genre, imperative verbs, instructions, persuasive techniques, description.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be looking at fractions, decimals, time, multiplication and area and perimeter. The aim is that the children will develop fluency and then mastery of these concepts including being able to tackle problems and reason their understanding.

Please keep working on times tables as much as you can at home as we aim to be able to know and recall up to our 12 times tables by the end of Year 4.

Vocabulary – denominator, numerator, vinculum, equal parts, equivalent, perimeter, area.

Science

We will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats and Animals including Humans. We will be learning about classification of animals, classification keys, food chains, the digestive system and teeth.

Vocabulary – classification, classification key, environment, hibernation, habitat, migration, positive, negative, molar, incisor, pre-molar, canines, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine, liver, pancreas, anus, rectum, tongue, bowels

Topic

This term our topic is Medieval Times and Mont Orgueil (Gorey Castle).

Physical Education (PE)/Dance.

This term we will be learning Handball and Gaelic Football in P.E. as well as a session on Dance.

4F have PE on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, and Dance on **Friday**.

4Y have PE on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, and Dance on **Monday**.

4C have P.E. **Mondays and Thursdays**, and Dance on **Friday**.

Children will require their P.E. kits, with named tracksuit trousers/shorts and jackets, for both PE sessions and Dance.

RE and Emotional Health (EH)

In RE we will be learning about Buddhism and Christianity.

In EH we will be looking at My Learning, including: How do positive thoughts affect your brain?

What things do you share responsibility for with others? How can I refocus if I am feeling fatigued? How will reflecting on my learning help me to have success in the future?



Music

This term Mrs Arnett will be teaching us some music from New Zealand and music from India.

Computing

Mr Rebours will be teaching loops and conditionals in coding, data logging, online images with photo editing and e-safety.

Art

This term we will be creating a Weaving landscape or seascape using various fabrics, with Mrs Hopley. We will also be looking at Medieval stained glass and creating our own.

French

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the French language this year. The school uses the Salut Jersey Programme. Both classes will be taught by Mrs Morrison.

Homework

Please continue to share books daily; this can either be done through your child reading aloud to you and discussing the book, by your child reading independently and then sharing their ideas about what they have read with you, or by a combination of both. Children can take books home from the classroom.

Children will continue to access Times Table Rockstars for personalised Maths homework. Your child needs to **log on to Times Table Rockstars and then complete activities for at least ten minutes, three times per week**. Please contact us if your child has trouble accessing the Times Table Rockstars website or if you would like us to change it to focus on a particular times table.

We work an open-door policy and should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us about them either at the end of the day or via email

Thank you,

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