



Oasis Academy Johanna Class Newsletter

Y4 Blue Class: Autumn 1, 2023

Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome back to Johanna after a much deserved break! I can't wait to dive into exciting new topics and get to know all of the new members of Blue Class!

Please feel free to ask me any questions about the learning, school life or how Oasis can help in any way possible.

Jacob

Personal Development

This term, we are learning more about ourselves, how we can build resilience in our mental and emotional health, while understanding how bullying and discrimination can impact our wellbeing. This ties directly into our theme of "Who am I and Who Am I Becoming".



Theme

The theme for Year 4 this term is "Who Am I and Who Am I Becoming."

This theme will be explored across the whole curriculum, encouraging the children to think about themselves and explore their place in the world. They'll be learning about local geography including our own country and its regions, while also comparing ourselves and our geography to that of other countries around the world. Our focus country this year will be Mozambique, a country rich in culture and history, but one that also has links with the world of Oasis.

Knowledge organiser

Below is our knowledge organiser for Geography, which can be found on Showbie under 'Geography Resources'.



English

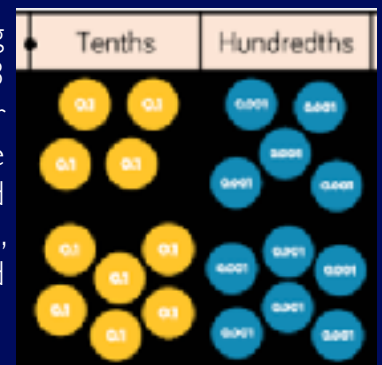
Our class reader this term is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which is always a popular one!

We will use this as the starting point for developing our own independent narratives based on characters in fantastical settings, incorporating new skills into our writing to create exciting stories.



Maths

This term, we'll be building on the foundations of year 3 and expanding our knowledge of place value and more advanced addition and subtraction, including tenths and hundredths.



In Year 4, multiplication and timestables are a big focus for us, culminating in the nationwide Multiplication Check in the Summer term. We will be doing lots of work on these, so keep practicing at home! This can be on the iPad using SumDog and Times Tables Rockstars, or can be done using flashcards and other paper-based methods.

R.E.

Our R.E. focus this term is Hinduism. This will give us a chance to look at the cultural and artistic side of the religion, while looking at the history. Most importantly, we will be discussing the core beliefs of Hindus such as good karma and bad karma.



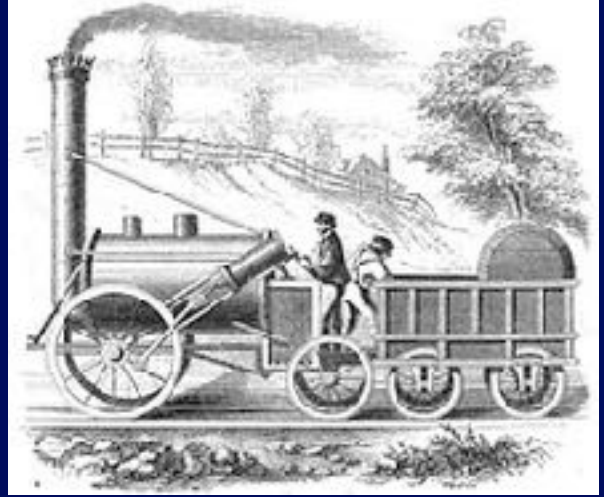
P.E.

Physical Education this Autumn term will be fitness and football. The aim will be to improve both co-ordination and cardio together. P.E. will be on Mondays. Year 4 go swimming from September to February most Tuesdays. Please see the swimming letter sent out to all parents via MCAS.



History

In history this term, we tie in historical ideas with our theme of 'Who Am I and Who Am I Becoming'. This means that we delve deeper into understanding the country in which we live and the historical discoveries and periods that define it and helped form the modern Britain that we know today. We begin by looking at the invention and introduction of railway systems in Britain, before learning about coal mining. These two pivotal moments in British history are linked and we will use a range of new tools to analyse them.



Art and Design

Continuing with the theme of 'Who am I and Who Am I Becoming', the children will be developing their artistic skills by studying 'Self-Portrait' by Rembrandt, while making use of shading to show light and shadow and expanding their knowledge of artistic materials.



Homework

Each MONDAY we collect homework. New homework books will be handed out this week. Spelling Tests are on Fridays. **Every day:**

- Read their reading book for at least 10 mins each day
- Practise spellings on Ed Shed
- Practise timestable facts on TTRS and Sumdog
- Complete weekly maths work on Sumdog

Y4 Blue Class

Dear parents/carers,

This term our trip is to Neasden Hindu Temple.

When? Wednesday 18th October

What time? Leave 9.30 am – Return at 14.30.

How? Bus and then a brief walk.

How much? £1.50

Lunch? Bring Packed Lunch

Wear? Normal school uniform

Please return this slip by Friday 22nd Sept.

Child's name: _____

Class: Y4 Blue Class

- **I would like to accompany the class on this trip.**
- **For FSM children only: I would like my child to be provided with a packed lunch.**

Signed _____

Date _____

Dates for Autumn 1 (Term 1)

Thurs 12th Oct	Individual and sibling photos.
Fri 13th Oct	INSET Day - school closed
Tues 17th Oct	Parent's Evening
Wed 18th Oct	Y4 Trip to Neasden Hindu Temple
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent's Evening
Fri 20th Oct	Last day: 3.15pm finish

Half Term Holidays
Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th October