

English:

- We will be studying persuasion texts and will be writing one of our own in order to persuade the reader to buy a product.
- Later in the half term, we will look at poetry which will include reading, performing and writing a range of poetry.
- We will continue to develop proof reading and editing skills.
- Children will develop cursive handwriting and their comprehension skills through weekly guided reading when we will be reading 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell.
- Our spelling focuses this half term are; tricky words, the prefixes -im, -in, -ir & -il, words containing the spelling ou, words containing the sound /a/, the spelling ch making the /sh/ sound, and the suffixes -ing, -ed, -er and -en.
- A weekly session will be dedicated to grammar; the focus areas will be prepositions, rhetorical questions and co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

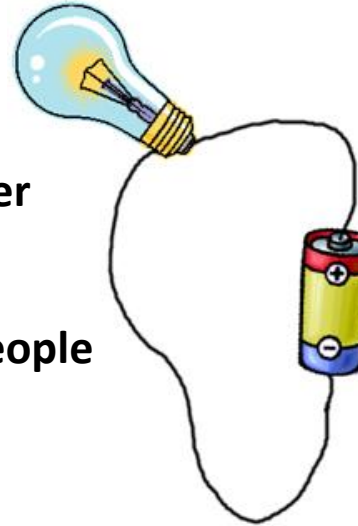
Year 4

Curriculum Information

Autumn 2 2018

30th October to 20th December

**TOPIC:
Power to the People**



Mathematics:

We will be covering the following topics this half term:

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
- Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally.
- Recognise and use factor pairs and commutatively in mental calculations.
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.
- Solve problems involving multiplying and adding.
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.

Arithmetic: Children will practise their rapid arithmetic skills, including recall of number facts, use of inverse and times-tables (2x to 12x) facts.

For help with your child's calculation skills please refer to the Brackenbury Calculation Booklet which is available from school.

Art: We will be exploring the artwork of landscape artist John Constable and creating our own paintings inspired by his style.

French: We will be learning how to discuss leisure activities and time in French.

Geography: We will be learning about settlements, in particular those of the United Kingdom.

Music: We will continue learning to play the Glockenspiel throughout various songs of increasing levels of difficulty.

PE: Both Y4 classes will be doing **hockey** on **Mondays**. Both classes will also continue to go **swimming** on **Thursday afternoons**.

PSCHE: We are continuing to learn about relationships, this half term with a focus on persuasion and pressure.

RE: Our focus this half term is the Christian practice of Advent in the lead up to Christmas.

Science: Electricity

- Children will construct simple circuits using switches, bulbs and buzzers, naming the parts of the circuit.
- Children will recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.
- Also, children will identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit.
- We will research the work of key scientists, including Benjamin Franklin.

Teaching staff:

Teachers: Miss Curtis, Miss Alley

Support staff: Ms Kelly, Ms McDonald, Ms Blandy, Ms James, Ms Barrios

Important dates:

- 7th November – Year 4 trip to the Science Museum
- 12th December – KS2 Christmas Show

For important dates please see our website:

www.brackenbury.lbhf.sch.uk and our weekly newsletter, the Brackenbury Buzz.

Computing: Computer Science

Coding a game:

- We will be using J2code.
- We will design, write and debug programs.
- We will use logical reasoning to explain how our simple algorithms work.

Children will also discuss e-safety, practise their typing skills, and discuss computing vocabulary.

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Daily Homework:

Reading – Children read for 15 minutes every night and bring the signed Reading Record to school every day.

Maths – Children complete 4 sets of maths activities per week and a weekly multiplication test using their account: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Weekly Homework: *is set on Friday and is due by the following Wednesday each week.*

Spelling – Children complete homework using their spelling words; the spellings test is every Wednesday. Details of homework is on the VLE: **my.uso.im**

