

Maths This term's maths units are: Place value of 4-digit numbers; mental addition & subtraction methods; properties of shapes and times tables. All children have access to Times Tables Rockstars to help them practise their times tables at home. Having quick and accurate recall of their times tables will aid children in many areas of maths across Year 4 and beyond!		English In our writing lessons, we will begin the year by focusing on grammar and punctuation. By doing this, strong foundations for children's writing are set. They will then apply their learning, writing a non-chronological report about extinct animals. Later on in the term, they will write a diary entry and a setting description both linked to our reading book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In reading lessons, children will encounter a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and develop responses to a range of question types.		Science Our first science unit this term is Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will be learning what defines a living thing as well as how to categorise them in different ways. The second unit is States of Matter. In this unit, children will compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will learn that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and be able to identify and name these processes as melting, freezing, evaporating or condensing. They will also learn about the water cycle.	
PE PE lessons take place on Thursdays. This term's units are gymnastics and ball skills.	French In French lessons, children will learn how to talk about themselves, their family and their pets. They will also learn to talk about where they live and who they live with, before linking learning to Christmas.	Year 4 Autumn Term September - December 	PSHE Alongside assemblies, discussions and debates, we will be focusing on our strengths, skills and interests and learning how we can be Brownhills' Best. We are placing a strong emphasis on mental health and wellbeing through our NHS-endorsed <u>myHappyMind</u> curriculum, and will begin by learning all about our brain!		
		Art Our art lessons this term will focus on Sculpture. Children will learn about what pottery can tell us about the past and they will be creating their own Egyptian canopic jars using clay.	Computing This term's units are 'The Internet', followed by 'Audio Production'. In these units, children will learn to evaluate online content for honesty, accuracy and reliability, recognising the consequences of false information. They will also develop the skills to create engaging audio content which provides a foundation for more complex multimedia projects. 	Design Technology In this term's unit - Chocolate That Cares - children will be learning about sustainability and how we can craft chocolate that's fair for people and kind to the planet.	Geography In 'What are the similarities and differences between my region and Campania in Italy?' children will learn about the world and how it is represented on maps. They will discover the different countries and capital cities of Europe as well as recapping the countries and cities of the UK. Children will specifically focus on Italy and will learn the key human and physical features of the country before focusing on the region of Campania. Children will learn about plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes and will complete two Campania case studies. Children will then use their knowledge to compare their own region in England with Campania and establish similarities and differences between the two.
RE This term's units are 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of the Pentecost?'	Music  This term's unit is 'This Little Light of Mine'. And we're gonna make it shineee! This is our singing and musicianship unit.				