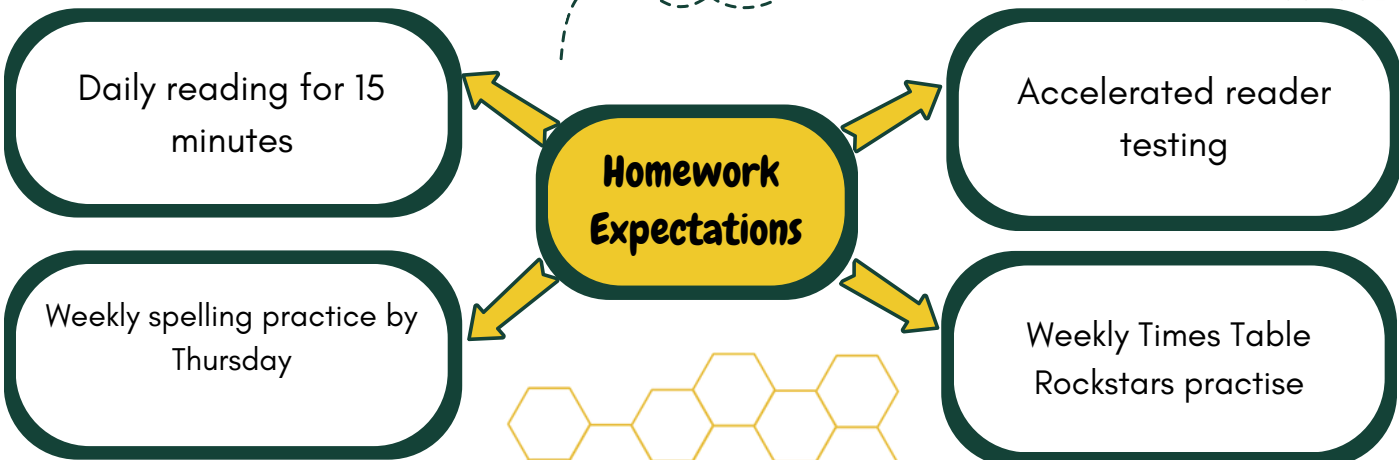


Year 4 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents Autumn Term 1 2025



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Home learning project

Next half term in Geography, we are going to be learning about European countries. For your home learning project, we would like you to be creative and research a European country. You could create either a poster or booklet explaining:

- Where it is
- Capital city
- Famous landmarks
- Population
- Interesting facts including food

Other options are to make food from your chosen county or send us some pictures of videos to share your exciting learning.



Big Question:

What does it mean to belong?

Overarching cultural theme:

Local, national and global belonging

Key Dates for Year 4:

INSET Day - Wednesday 3rd September
Term begins - Thursday 4th September

PE Days

PE days change each week. Therefore PE kits need to be in school every day.

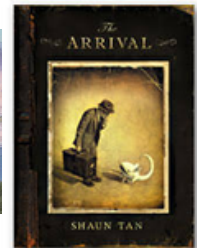
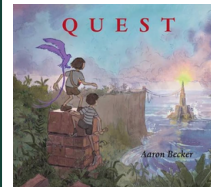


Reading

Key skills we will develop are:

- Retrieve information from the text.
- Inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.
 - Sequencing events.
- Identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.
- identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read

We will be reading



Writing

Outcome 1: Setting description

Audience: Dad
Purpose: To describe

Outcome 2: Diary

Audience: Self
Purpose: To express emotions

Outcome 3: Play script

Audience: Shaun Tan
Purpose: To entertain

Outcome 4: Narrative

Audience: Shaun Tan
Purpose: To entertain

Key skills we will develop are:

Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]
 Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]
 Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

Place value

- count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000
- find 1000 more or less than a given number
- count backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones)
- order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
- round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers
- read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value.

Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

Addition and Subtraction

- add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate
- estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation
- solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why

Foundation Subjects

Science:

Sound

Identify how sound is made, recognise sound travels to the ear through waves, find patterns between pitch and volume and recognise sounds get fainter as they move further away



PSHE: Relationships

Families and friendships: Positive friendships, including online. Safe relationships: Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online. Respecting ourselves & others: Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively.



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Cooking and Nutrition

Polish pierogi

Preparing and cooking a savoury dish. Understanding seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed



RE:

Golden thread: Community

The 5 K's - Symbols to show devotion
Sikh faith traditions



Spanish

When is your birthday? - Numbers to 31, saying my age, learning months, saying when my birthday is. Introducing myself. Enjoying stories and songs.

Computing:

E-Safety: Self-image and Identity

Digital Literacy: Animation

Capture images and use software to create an animation.



Geography

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia)



Music:

In music, our focus will be on pitch, harmony and chords through use of technology. We will be using Google Chomelab and focusing on composers such as Beethoven and Bacewicz



PE:

Badminton - net and wall games
Gymnastics



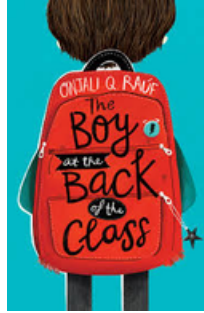
How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love for reading.

To help your child at home develop their reading skills you can:

- Read every day and record it in their home learning journal.
- Talk about books with your child to encourage a love of reading.
- Take your child to a local library to borrow books.
- Encourage your child to sound out unknown words.
- Practise weekly phonics sounds that are sent home (if appropriate).

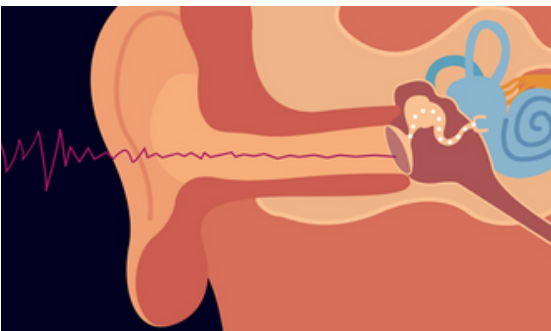


Science – Sound

We will be looking at how sound travels and how we hear.

This website will give you a good starting point for what we will be learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmjmwbn>



RE: The 5K's

To show their dedication to Sikhism, Khalsa Sikhs wear 5 symbols called Panj Kakka or 'The 5 K's'

The following website has a video which shows how two young children show commitment to their faith:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-five-ks-of-sikhism/znbhf4j#:~:text=They%20are%20Kara%20Kachera%20Kirpan,%20Kanga%20Kesh%20and%20Kanga.>

Kanga	Kesh	Kara	Kirpan	Kachera
	This is the uncut hair which symbolises spiritual power		A Sikh sword, a symbol of respect and justice	
A special comb that represents cleanliness		A steel bangle, symbolising unity, of self and a process of constant learning		A special pair of shorts. These are a symbol of modesty