

We will be learning:

In topic, we will learn about great explorers throughout history. We will find out where they travelled, what they discovered and why they are significant individuals.

In science, we will be learning about the bones and muscles in the human body and how they work together to create movement. We will also be learning about the things we can do to stay healthy.

In art, our topic is sketching and drawing. We will be learning about illustrator Quentin Blake and how he created some of his famous drawings.

In music, we will be developing our singing and performance skills. We will explore pitch, volume and practise controlling our breathing while singing.

In PE, we will be developing our attacking and defending skills by playing tag rugby. Years 3 and 4 will also take part in weekly swimming lessons.

In RE, we will be learning about Judaism by exploring the question: How do Jewish people celebrate Passover (Pesach)?

In computing, we will use the iMotion app to make short stop-frame animations based on our core story.

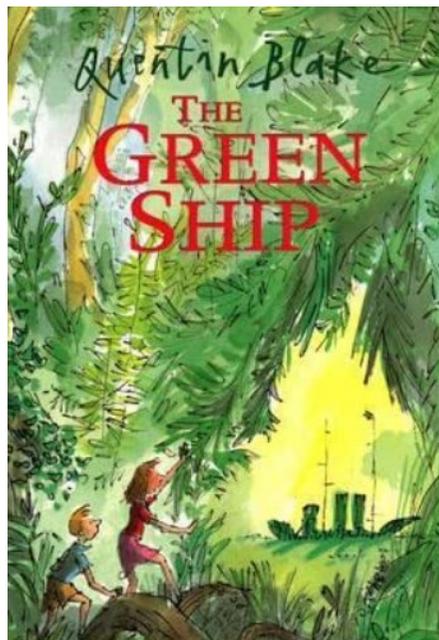
In French, we will learn how to identify and introduce family and pets. We will also learn the names for places in our own home. We will practise using this vocabulary in short conversations.

Kestrel Class - Spring 2

Our core story this half term is:

The Green Ship by Quentin Blake

Please do not read these at home with your child until the end of the half term so your child can enjoy hearing the story unfold in class.



At home you could:

- Our core story encourages children to be imaginative and creative. Work with your child to create a model or collage ship using junk modelling materials.
- Practise times tables:
Year 2: 2, 5 and 10
Year 3: 3, 4, and 8
Year 4: all tables up to 12.
- Read daily at home with your child and talk about what you have read. Please record your comments in reading records or on GoRead.

Please talk to Miss Srokowski if you have any questions.

Key English skills for your child

Year 2

- Understanding what they have read and being able to ask and answer questions about it
- Using full stops and capital letters more consistently.
- Beginning to use the past and present tense correctly.
- Using simple sentences and compound sentences joined by 'and'.
- Spelling common exception words from Y2 list correctly.
- Writing clearly with correct letter formation with the writing sitting on the lines.

Year 3/4

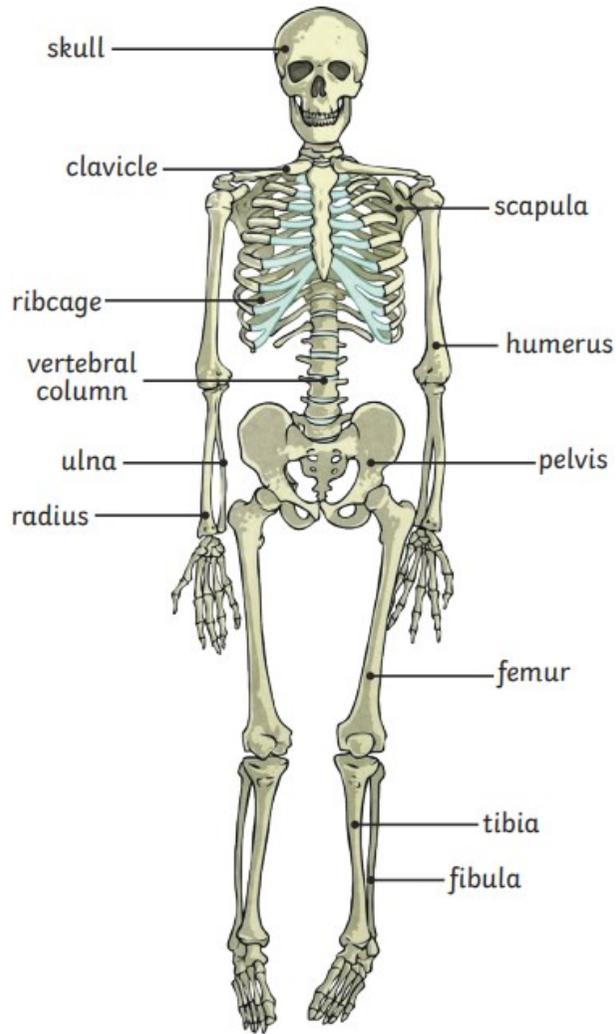
- Understanding what they have read and being able to answer questions about it; referring back to the text when necessary
- Reading and spelling most of the Year 3/4 common exception words list
- Reading a range of different texts fluently, accurately and with expression.
- Using a dictionary to check the meaning of words they have read
- Using full stops, capital letters, exclamation and question marks accurately.

Key Maths skills for your child:

Year 2: Recognising, finding, and writing fractions $1/3$, $1/4$, $2/4$ and $3/4$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. Comparing and ordering lengths and recording the results using the inequality symbols. Identifying and describing the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Year 3/4: Finding fractions of an amount and finding equivalent fractions. Comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. Measuring and calculating the perimeter of a rectilinear shape in centimetres and metres. Identifying and describing the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes. Describing positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant.

Key Knowledge: We would like you to discuss this key vocabulary with your child so that they have a greater understanding of their learning.



Key Vocabulary	
vertebrate	animals with backbones
invertebrate	animals without backbones
muscles	soft tissues in the body that contract and relax to cause movement
tendons	cords that join muscles to bones
joints	areas where two or more bones are fitted together

Main Beliefs

Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the **Ten Commandments**.

They include using God's name with respect, remembering **the Sabbath**, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing.



Jews believe God gave the **Ten Commandments** to Moses.

Hebrew

Hebrew is a special language for Jews. Jews believe God gave the **Ten Commandments** to Moses in **Hebrew**. The **Torah** is written in **Hebrew** and Jews learn to read it.

- Skeletons do three important jobs:
- protect organs inside the body;
 - allow movement;
 - support the body and stop it from falling on the floor.

Ma famille

la mère	le père	le fils	la fille
la soeur	le frère	la tante	l'oncle
la cousine	le cousin	la nièce	le neveu
la grand-mère	le grand-père	le beau-père	la belle-mère
le bébé	les parents	les enfants	la famille