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# Andy Warhol Curriculum Information Letter – Year 3 & 4 Autumn Term 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a happy and eventful summer break. In this letter, you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this Autumn Term 2024 in school. Please find opportunities to support your child's learning by doing additional research on new topics (pre-teach). It is really important to read/share books daily with your child. We encourage children to read daily for 10-15 minutes each day. Reading books must be in school every day whether you read at home or not.

If you have any questions, please telephone the school office and I will make arrangements to contact you by phone or in person.

Kind regards, Miss Hutchins

Value	The core value this term is: Kindness		
	This term, we will focus on the value of <b>Kindness</b> . Throughout the half term, we will explore what kindness means, both in the classroom and outside it. Children will be encouraged to demonstrate kindness in their interactions with peers, teachers, and the broader school community. We will celebrate acts of kindness and reflect on how they contribute to a positive learning environment.		
English	Reading: This term, we will be reading Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker, which tells the inspiring story of Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician who overcame racial and gender barriers to become one of NASA's most celebrated engineers. Through this book, children will develop their reading comprehension skills by engaging with themes of perseverance, equality, and the importance of STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).		
	Counting on KATHERINE		

## Writing:

Children will work on non-fiction writing by creating a fact file about Katherine Johnson. This will involve researching key events from her life and achievements, and then organising the information into a structured and informative text. Children will focus on the use of factual language, clarity, and sequencing in their writing.

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar):

#### Year 3:

- Writing expanded noun phrases to add detail and specification in their writing.
- Using prepositions to express time (e.g., before, after), place (e.g., in, on), and cause (e.g., because of).

#### Year 4:

- Expanding noun phrases by adding an adjective, noun, or prepositional phrase (e.g., the large, majestic tree by the river).
- Using fronted adverbials (e.g., Quickly, he ran to the door) and ensuring proper punctuation with commas.

#### Maths

#### Autumn 1:

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Place Value: Children will deepen their understanding of the number system, recognising the value of each digit in numbers up to 1,000 (Year 3) and beyond (Year 4). They will practise reading, writing, and comparing numbers, and ordering them in ascending and descending order

Addition & Subtraction: Children will work on mental and written methods for solving addition and subtraction problems. They will practise solving problems involving more complex calculations, focusing on accuracy and fluency.

Multiplication & Division: Children will begin to explore multiplication and division facts, understanding how to use multiplication tables for Year 3 (up to 3x, 4x, 8x) and Year 4 (6x, 7x, 9x, 11x, and 12x) through various problem-solving activities.

#### Autumn 2:

Fractions: Children will learn how to recognise, find, and write fractions. They will understand equivalent fractions, and Year 4 pupils will work on simplifying fractions and performing addition and subtraction with fractions.

Geometry: Shape: Children will explore 2D and 3D shapes, identifying and describing their properties (e.g., sides, angles, faces). They will also work on recognising symmetry and completing patterns.

## **Science**

# Autumn 1:

## Food and the Digestive System:

Children will learn about human nutrition, focusing on the role of different food groups in maintaining a balanced diet. They will also explore the structure and function of the digestive system, learning how food is processed in the body from consumption to digestion.

## Autumn 1:

# **Computing Systems and Networks:** Collaborative Learning: Children will learn how to work together using online tools and platforms. They will

## Autumn 2:

## Sound:

Children will investigate how sounds are made and how they travel through different materials. They will learn about the concept of vibration and how the ear detects sound waves. Practical investigations will allow them to explore pitch and volume, and they will create their own simple instruments to experiment with sound.

#### Autumn 2:

**Emailing:** The focus will be on learning how to compose and send emails safely. Children will learn the importance of clear communication, how to use email features (such as

## Computing

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	explore the concept of shared	attachments), and the importance of cyber	
	documents and how to collaborate	safety when using email.	
	effectively using digital technology		
	while maintaining good digital	Programming: Children will further develop	
	etiquette.	their coding skills using the Scratch	
		programming language. They will create more	
		complex algorithms, design characters and	
		backgrounds, and learn how to debug errors in	
		their code.	
PE &	Autumn 1:	Autumn 2:	
Sports			
	Fundamentals (Balance): Children will	Dance: Children will learn and perform simple	
	focus on balance and coordination	dance routines, exploring rhythm, movement,	
	through various physical activities. They	and creative expression.	
	will develop control in both static and		
	dynamic balancing exercises.	<b>Gymnastics:</b> Gymnastics lessons will focus on	
		balance, coordination, and body control.	
	Yoga & Fitness: Yoga sessions will help	Children will practise sequences of movements	
	children develop flexibility and	and build their confidence in a variety of	
	mindfulness, while fitness activities will	gymnastic skills.	
	promote cardiovascular health and	Our PE days are: Wednesday and Thursday	
	strength.		
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Bushcraft	Bushcraft sessions will be held every <b>Tuesday afternoon</b> . During these sessions, children		
	will engage in outdoor learning, building practical survival skills such as fire lighting,		
	shelter building, and understanding nature. These activities are designed to build		
	teamwork, resilience and a connection with the natural world.		
Languages	French	French	
	Autumn 1: Children will learn basic	Autumn 2: The focus will shift to learning	
	French greetings, including how to say	adjectives of colour, size, and shape, allowing	
	hello, goodbye, and ask simple	children to describe objects using French	
	questions (e.g., How are you?). They	vocabulary.	
	will also practise introducing		
	themselves and responding to simple		
	instructions.		
History	Invasion: The Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans:		
	In this term's history project, children will study the different invasions of Britain, starting		
	with the Anglo-Saxons, followed by the Vikings, and culminating with the Norman		
	conquest of 1066. They will learn about the reasons behind these invasions, the		
	settlements established by these groups, and what daily life was like during these		
	periods. They will also explore significant historical sites, such as Sutton Hoo, and learn		
	about key figures like Athelstan, the first King of England.		
Geography	Interconnected Word:		
	Children will explore how geographical features and human activity are interconnected.		
	They will examine maps, identify key physical features such as rivers, mountains, and		
	seas, and understand how geography influences the lives of people in different regions.		
	This unit will also cover global trade and i		
PSHE/RSE	Autumn 1:	Autumn 2:	
	Keeping/ Staying Safe: Road Safety		
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	Children will learn how to stay safe	This unit will focus on hygiene practices,	
	when crossing the road, understand	teaching children the importance of washing	
	road signs, and practice safe behaviours	hands regularly to prevent illness and promote	
	around traffic.	overall health.	
Art & Design	Autumn 1:	Autumn 2:	
	Contrast and Complement	Warp and Weft	
	Children will explore the use of	This unit focuses on textiles, where children	
	contrasting and complementary colours	will learn basic weaving techniques. They will	
	in artwork. They will learn about	create simple woven pieces using a variety of	
	famous artists who use these	materials, developing their fine motor skills	
	techniques and will create their own	and artistic creativity.	
	works using different mediums.		
Attendance &	=	% for children in Year 3 and 4. Good attendance	
Punctuality	is crucial for your child's success in school	l, as it ensures they do not miss out on	
	important learning opportunities.		
		, we will invite you to a meeting to discuss how	
	we can support both you and your child in improving their attendance. The Government		
	regards pupils with less than 90% attendance as having Persistent Absence. Should your child's attendance be at risk of reaching this level, we will work together to put a support		
	plan in place to help restore their attendance to a level that ensures they can achieve		
Helping your	their full potential at school.  It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well.		
child at home	Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether		
	to send your child to school.		
	to send your crima to sensor.		
	Pupils with COVID symptoms or those who have been requested to isolate by the school		
	or NHS should not attend school until the date agreed for return. In line with NHS		
	guidance, children who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for <b>three</b> days from		
	the day after the positive test.		
Important	September 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> – Dance Workshops		
dates for	November 8 <sup>th</sup> – School Photos		
this term	November 14 <sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccine (Year R- Yea	r 6)	
	December 12 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day		
Curriculum	In our <b>Invasion</b> project, your child will explore the impact of the Roman withdrawal from		
Project	Britain and the chronology of subsequent invasions by the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and		
Information	Normans. They will study the reasons behind these invasions, the settlements		
	established, and the everyday lives of these groups. The children will also delve into the		
	significance of Anglo-Saxon monasteries and the legacy left behind. Investigations into		
	historical artefacts such as the Sutton Hoo ship burial will provide insights into this era,		
	and the unit will culminate in an exploration of the Norman invasion of 1066.		
Homework	Homework serves as a supplement to your child's classroom learning, helping to		
	consolidate and reinforce the material covered in class. It also provides you with a		
	valuable opportunity to engage with your child and support them in their educational journey by working on the same topics they are exploring at school.		
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