



## Chandos Curriculum Overview Year 4

### This term we are learning...

#### English

This term in English, the children will be learning about the following genres:

- ★ Fables
- ★ Biographies
- ★ Spooky stories

We will start each genre off by reading and looking at a variety of example texts and unpicking the features of the genre.

The children will then be producing their own pieces of writing, specifically:

- ★ Retelling a fable.
- ★ Writing a biography about Wassily Kandinsky
- ★ Writing a spooky story about a ghost

Keep an eye on the school website as we will be posting good examples of work on there!!



The children will also be reading a wide variety of books during our Guided Reading sessions, which they will be able to read with you at home through their Abacus account.

#### Mathematics

This term in Maths the children will be applying their knowledge of Maths to 4 digit numbers. They will be looking at:

- ★ Place value - Th, H, T, O
- ★ Addition - expanded column method
- ★ Multiplication - grid method
- ★ Subtraction - expanded column method



We will post examples of these methods on the school

website so that you can help your child with this at home.

By the end of year four, every child must know their times table up to 12x12. This is an important skill that will help your child access many different areas of maths.

Because of this, we will be doing a timed times table test every week to build up your child's speed and knowledge of times tables!

#### Learning Challenge

At the start of every learning challenge, we ask the children what they already know about the topic and for questions that they would like to answer.

This term our big question is

*Who made that then?*

This learning challenge is a very Art based topic. The children will be researching five different artists:

- ★ Wassily Kandinsky
- ★ Anthony Gormley
- ★ Andy Warhol
- ★ Vincent Van Gogh
- ★ Edward Burne-Jones

They will then be making fact file posters about them and producing art work in their artistic style.



To end our learning challenge the children will be taking part in an 'Art Walk' through Birmingham City Centre to look at architecture, street art and statues. They will then visit the IKON gallery to see some real life art!

### What can you do at home?

Every week the children will be given three things to do at home.

- ★ Home Loan Book - this is a book your child has chosen to read.
- ★ Times Table Test - this is the level your child has reached and will be tested on the following week.
- ★ Spelling Bee List - this is the spellings your child will be tested on the following week.

It is important that you child completes these three things every week as they will help with their learning! Please try and find a good time of day to do the homework where there is no rush or television on. Ask your child what they need to do - it will have been explained to them! Let your child take the lead, only take control if they need your support with something. And finally, make sure you give them lots of praise!!



Thanks for your support!  
Mrs Howarth and Miss Cockell