English

Christophe's Story
The children start by listening to *Christophe's Story*, responding to questions that stretch their comprehension and questioning skills. They use discussion, drama and role play to understand more about the characters. They look at the author's use of language: her choice of memorable words and phrases. Children draw on their understanding of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.

Creating images
The children enjoy the range of poems in the unit and discuss and explore their uses of figurative language. They learn and revise metaphor, simile and personification and then identify the features of free verse, haiku and performance poetry.

Pugs of the frozen North – Class Novel by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre
An adventure of friendship and the true path of victory. The children will look at figurative language and learn the true meaning of friendship.

Maths

Measurement:
The children will measure and calculate the perimeter in centimeters and meters. Convert between different units of measurement and solve problems and reasoning in questions about measurement.
Learning to use a range of measurement in real life situations and work out calculations.

Multiplication and Division:
Recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Count in multiples of 6, 7,8. 9,25 and 1000. Use place value knowledge to multiply and divide by 1, 0, 10, 100. Understand and solve two step multiplication word problems. Finally, the children will need to work together to solve reasoning questions. We will be using practical resources in the beginning, pictorial and abstract methods.

Science
Electricity
Children will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct an investigation into how easily different types of switches can break and reconnect a circuit.

In this unit children will identify common appliances that run on battery and mains electricity, and name some appliances that do the same job but are operated manually. They will learn the names and functions of simple electrical components including batteries, bulbs, buzzers, wires and switches. They will understand the need for a complete loop for a bulb to light or a buzzer to buzz, and will construct simple circuits to light a bulb and make a buzzer buzz.

Working Scientifically, children will raise questions related to electrical insulation and conductivity. They will plan and carry out investigations, make predictions, record results in appropriate ways and draw conclusions. They will apply knowledge about electrical circuits and conductors to design and make a switch.

Information and Reminders

- ★ Make sure your child brings their reading book and reading diary EVERY DAY in a book bag for transporting books, letters etc.
- ★ Send your child into school with a named water bottle which is kept in class. Children can drink water or flavoured water.
- ★ Talk to your child about their school day, share any news. If you would like to discuss any issues with your child's class teacher please arrange it for a convenient time.
- ★ When you listen to your child read please write a comment in their reading record.
- ★ New homework bingo will go out by the 9th November.
- ★ Class 4HC start swimming 12th November on Mondays.

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Topic this half term

How unpleasant were the Iron and Bronze ages?

Computing

Spreadsheets
Children will use the number formatting tools within 2Calculate to appropriately format numbers. We will learn to add a formula to a cell to automatically make a calculation in that cell.

Children will also be able to make a line graph and create their own budget plan for a party with spreadsheets. Children will see how we use Maths in very day life and how important is it to plan and make budgets.

RE and PHSE

The RE unit this half term is Christianity: Christmas and light. The children will explore the reasons behind Jesus being the light of the world. They will study different versions of the nativity and explore what it means to them.
The PSHE topic is 'Getting on and Falling out' where the children will learn to deal with situations they find themselves in every day. Children will learn to explore the feelings the experience when they fall out with their peers and learn strategies to help them deal with this.

PE and Sport

In all of our physical education sessions the importance of warming up and cooling down is stressed.

Dance
Fitness

4HC	4JM
Monday - Swimming	Tuesday – Outdoor
	Thursday – Indoor

- ★ **Help your child practise their new skills in the garden or the park.**
- ★ **Could you please ensure that children have the correct kit for their lessons**

Geography, History and MFL

Using prior knowledge from Year 3, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about how difficult life was. They will look at the developments that were made during the periods and discuss together which made the biggest impact of the standards. Using a range of enquiry skills to make links and connections to communities today.

In our French lessons we will be reviewing greetings and learning food vocabulary so we can prepare wonderful menus in French ready for some Christmas parties. In French we will also be looking at time and how to ask what the time is.
"quelle heure est-il?"

Creative Arts-Music and Art

Bronze Age Art will use historical facts to create replica of Bronze Age artefacts. Their final creation will use clay and experiment with different textures, patterns and designs used in the Bronze Age and link it to modern times. Children will research artists who use this material in our local community.

In music we will use Djembe drums, mixing genres and African beats with traditions and celebrations.