This term Year 4 are learning about.....

English	In our English work we shall be reading the story 'The Whales' Song' by Dyan Sheldon. We shall be using the story to develop our use of verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. We shall write Autumn poems for our class poetry book and learn how take notes when researching with non- fiction texts. Weekly spelling and joined up handwriting work will also feature.
Maths 123 456 789	In our work on place value, we shall be learning to read and write bigger numbers. Our Maths topics will include perimeter, area and interpreting and presenting data in graphs. We shall work on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers, both mentally and using formal written methods. Maths target tests will take place weekly.
Topic (History)	'The Romans' - Our topic will include work on Celtic life, Roman life in Britain, the Roman army and the Roman legacy. We will be having a special Roman day during the term – letter to follow.
Science	'Teeth and Digestion' - we will be following the journey of our food through the digestive system. We will look at the role of teeth and investigate tooth decay. 'Circuits and Conductors' - the children will be making and investigating circuits, switches, electrical conductors and insulators.
Computing	We will introduce the year 4 Learning Platform pages and learn how to write, send and delete emails. We shall be shown what to do if we receive an upsetting email. We will learn to search the internet to support our history and science topics. Finally, we will use ICT to create digital artwork.
DT -	'Lighting it up!' linked to our science topic. The children will design, make and evaluate a quiz game which lights up when the correct quiz question is answered.
RE	'Harvest and Thankfulness' We shall consider what we are to be thankful for in our lives and learn about some of the work of aid agencies. We shall learn about the Christian festival of Harvest.

Music	Music Express - 'Play it again' and 'Dragon Scales'. This will include listening and composition activities.
PE	Games - Orienteering Gymnastics & dance with a theme of colour and fireworks - Class 4H Swimming - Class 4C
Art T	Our Art theme for the term is Pattern. We shall explore Celtic patterns, Illuminated letters, Roman mosaics and evaluate the artwork of Picasso and Kandinsky.
PSHE CO	We shall be discussing the themes of; class rules, new challenges, doing the right thing and feelings and emotions.
French	We shall learn the months of the year, days of the week and numbers up to 31 as well as sing French songs and learn about the country itself and famous landmarks

Home support	Please
	 hear your child read and ask them questions about what they have read help them to learn weekly spellings spend some time learning Maths targets - details in the front of the diary check they have completed the expected homework plus weekly homework on time.
	Your child should have a pencil case which contains a pencil, rubber, sharpener, glue stick (not coloured glue), whiteboard marker pen and colouring pencils. This helps to ensure a smooth start to all our sessions, encourages your child to be independent, organised for their learning and encourages them to look after their belongings.
	Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit is named. It helps to return property if lost.

As always we welcome your support with offers of help, information, resources and expertise! Mrs Halliday & Mrs Cochrane