

This half term Year 4 are learning about:



English

In English, we will be learning to write a 'journey tale' based on a Pie Corbett story, 'Sulis' Secret Wish'. The children will be focusing on writing an interesting middle of a story, building upon previous learning. After that, they will move on to writing a discussion text, using a balanced argument about keeping safe in the dark. Finally, we will look at Christmas poems; our poetry focus will be Haikus. We will continue to focus on our joined handwriting, thinking about our letter formation. In reading, we will be developing our reading skills by using our working memory and visualisation to create pictures in our head. We will then learn, to make connections between pieces of information, ask questions and wonder about what we have read and finally develop our inference skills, finding evidence in the text to support our thinking. Our class book will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will learn how to multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12. The children will learn how to calculate multiplication equations using the multiplication facts that they know and to understand the difference between sharing and grouping. We will then, solve problems involving multiplication and division. Later, the children will use their tables and knowledge of place value to multiply multiples of 10 and 100, leading to the multiplication of 3-digit numbers using short multiplication. Finally, we will learn more about division and will divide 2-digit numbers using two methods, including numbers with remainders. We will continue to play TTRS in preparation for the multiplication check. We would appreciate it if you encouraged your child to play at home too.

Geography: Earning a living

In Geography, our topic is all about how people in the UK earn a living. We will find out about the different types of industries in the UK and in the wider world. After this, we will learn about how children around the world earn a living for their families. During this topic, we will develop our use of an atlas to locate places in the UK and in the wider world.

Science: Digestive system

In Science, we begin our topic learning about food chains. Thinking about the producer, consumer, prey and predator. After this, we will learn about the human digestive system and how it works. We will name and describe each part and its role in digestion. Our scientific enquiry focus will be research; we will work as scientists to find out information about how the body works.

DT

In DT, our topic is all about bridges. Firstly, we will explore a range of different bridges thinking about what shapes are used to make them strong. We will learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and look at his suspension bridge. After this, we will use what we have learnt to design and build our own bridge.

PE

In PE, we will continue with our weekly swimming sessions on a Wednesday. We have been really impressed with the children's water confidence and are now moving on to focusing more on stroke style.

In school, our topic is gymnastics. We will be building on the skills the children learnt last year. The children will learn a range of jumps and balances. Finally, they will create their own sequence on the floor and on apparatus.

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 4 include:

- predator
- consumer
- commutativity
- quotient
- genre
- Torah

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Play TTRS for 10 minutes daily.
- ❖ Complete homework, including spelling activities.
- ❖ Take your child for a fun swim.

RE/PSHE



For the first few weeks, our topic is 'Called', where we learn about what it is like to be called by God and about confirmation.

After this, we will be learning about Judaism. We will focus on the Torah and what happens at a bat mitzvah.

As we get closer to Christmas, the topic of 'Gifts' will begin. We will learn about the annunciation, visitation, the nativity, visit of the shepherds and the wise men. We will continue with our class Liturgical Prayer, which is planned by the children.

PSHE

We will continue to share our Mission Circles on a Monday and Friday. The themes for the half term are also explored during our weekly class Circle Time. We will be thinking about: individuality, loss, respect for others, anti-bullying, rights and responsibilities, aspirations, peace and joy.



Music/Computing



We will start the term by completing our Computing unit, exploring how to search online safely and effectively.

After this, we will then spend the rest of the term developing our musical skills. We will begin with a unit called 'Stop!' which focusses on a song about anti-bullying. It includes other genres such as Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion.