

This half term Year 4 are learning about:



English

We will begin this term continuing our work on 'The Lion and the Unicorn', where children will be writing letter, diary entries from the point of view of a character, instructions, character descriptions and reports. The children will begin to make links with history, as this book is set during World War 2. After this, we will be starting a new unit based on the book 'The Matchbox Diary' written by Paul Fleischman. During this unit, we will focus on writing a biography, dialogue, re-telling and a fact file.

In Whole Class Reading, the children will continue 'Viking Voyagers' where they will continue to develop their VIPERS skills.

We will also begin our new class book titled 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' written by Kate DiCamillo.

Geography: Investigating India

In Geography, our topic is all about the country of India. The children will use atlases to identify and locate some geographical features of the country including rivers and mountains. They will then learn about the human features such as the population and some of the main cities. Finally, the children will compare India to the UK thinking about the similarities and differences.

Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will continue with our work on decimals. We will learn to continue number sequences as well as round decimals to the nearest whole number. The children will also link tenths and hundredths with dividing by 10 and 100. We will then spend a couple of weeks learning about money. The children will learn how to count and record in pounds and pence. We will then make links between tenths and hundredths and decimal notation for money. We will follow this by comparing amounts of money and by converting amounts from pounds to pence. The children will be taught how to round money to the nearest pound and understand contexts in which this would be a useful skill to know – for example, estimating amounts and totals. 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.

Science: Electricity

In Science, we will be learning about electricity. We will begin by learning what electricity is and thinking about items in the home that use it. We will then move on to creating circuits using wires, bulbs and batteries. We will learn about complete and incomplete circuits. Finally, we will use our scientific knowledge to conduct an investigation to find out about conductors and insulators.

DT – Food and Nutrition – Pizza

In DT, our topic is all about food and nutrition. We will learn about the history of pizza and conduct our own customer research. Using this information, we will design and create our own pizza. Finally, we will prepare and cook our pizza and then evaluate it to explain how we could improve our design next time.

PE

In PE, we will continue with our weekly swimming sessions on a Wednesday. We continue to be impressed with the children's attitude and skill in the water. All three groups have made significant progress this term.

In school, our topic will be basketball. The children will be learning to move the ball using different techniques. They will learn how to pass and shoot with increasing accuracy and will end the unit taking part in competitive games.

Key Vocabulary

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

- sacrifice
- potential
- accuracy
- evaluate

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



In RE, we will begin the topic of 'Self-discipline'. We will learn about the significance of Ash Wednesday, what happens during Lent and why we are encouraged to be more self-disciplined during this time. We will then learn about the events of Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross. Finally, we will celebrate the resurrection when we learn about the empty tomb.

Year 4 will also take part in an Easter production called 'Roll back the stone'.

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 fasting, almsgiving, sacrifice and journey.

We will also look at the British value – rule of law.

Music

This half term, we will continue our music unit, 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. We will be continuing our topic of Music next half term too!