

This half term Year 4 are learning about:



English

We will begin this term by reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn' in our English lessons. Children will be writing letters, diary entries from the point of view of a character, instructions, character descriptions and reports. The children will also be encouraged to make links with history as this book is set during World War II.

During our handwriting sessions, we will be continuing to practise forming and joining letters correctly and neatly. The children need to demonstrate this level of handwriting in their written books too.

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 'Tamarind and the star of Ishta' written by Jasbinder Bilan.

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.

Next, we will spend a couple of weeks leaning about money. The children will practise counting and recording 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 converting amounts from pounds to pence.

We will continue to complete our Mastery Number sessions in preparation for the multiplication check. We would appreciate it if you encouraged your child to practise their times tables at home too.

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.

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, learning 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 explore 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:

- tropical
- solo
- arid
- grating
- equivalent
- self-discipline

Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Practise times tables 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 Celebration of the Word.

This half term, we will also spend a week learning about another faith – Hinduism.

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 the following themes: belonging, temperance, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, sacrifice and journeys.

Music

This half term, we will continue developing our musical skills. We will start by finishing a unit called 'Stop!' which focusses on a song about anti-bullying. It includes other genres such as Crime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion. After this, we will continue music with a unit called 'Blackbird'.