



Year 4 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2

English

This half term pupils will be looking at trying to expand their vocabulary of words associated with weather. They will be recapping and applying their knowledge of prepositions, adverbials and determiners so they can vary their sentence openers. Pupils will be writing and performing speeches about the rainforest linked to the geography topic. Finally, pupils will be studying Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' and writing a story.

Maths

Pupils will start the half term by learning about area and understanding that it is the amount of space a 2D shape takes up. They will begin by counting squares and begin to make links between the length, width and area. Pupils will be covering and applying their knowledge of times tables into worded reasoning problems. They will use their 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables. They will also be recapping addition and subtraction covered in the previous half term.

Guided reading: Developing Reading Preferences, Curious Creatures Glowing in the Dark, John Lyons Poetry, Hansel and Gretel

Science

Pupils will be studying electricity and circuits. They will be looking at the dangers of electricity and how to be safe when using it. They will be studying the different electrical components, their symbols and how they contribute to making working circuits.

Humanities - Geography

Pupils will be studying about the different biomes. They will be looking at the different locations and key features of the Amazon rainforests. They will also gain a better understanding of how trees and plants adapt to living in the rainforest and give examples.

Design Technology

Pupils will be making pavilions and learning about different structures. They will be considering what the strongest shapes are and what makes them strong. They will also use different joining techniques to make them sturdy and not fall over. They will use weaving techniques to create a roof.

Computing

Pupils will be using scratch to create a multiplication game and will need to consider variables (things that will change) and fix any problems that arise in their code.

French

Pupils will be learning about different French foods and using them in conversations in a cafe. They will also include French money when purchasing items.

Music

Pupils will be studying Rock and Roll this half term. They will begin by looking at the Hand Jive and understanding the history of the genre. They will also play a walking bass line, sing in tune and perform actions at the correct time.

RE

Pupils will be studying about the different sacred texts and what makes them different. They will be able to explain the difference between evidence or recognised information about scriptures, beliefs and opinions.

PE

Pupils will be practising their orienteering skills, in which they will practise their team working skills. In indoor PE, children will be playing dodgeball and using these skills to defend and attack effectively.

PSHE

Pupils will consider their physical and mental health including: looking after their teeth, their happiness, emotions and celebrating their mistakes.

Assembly Themes: Children will be introduced to our new school values and the focus for this half term will be kindness. They will also learn about the significance of Remembrance Day and will be supporting National Anti-bullying week and Children in Need.