



Year 4 Curriculum Overview - Summer 1 2024

English

This half term the children will explore humorous stories with funny characters. They will practise dialogue punctuation and use expanded noun phrases for impact in their compositions. Using David Walliams' Mr Stink for inspiration, they will write their own humorous story. In contrast to this, the children will explore issues around animals in captivity, reading texts including Zoo by Anthony Browne and Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo. They will study adverbials and expanded noun phrases and use these in order to write a persuasive article for a pretend website regarding conservation.

Maths

This half term, the children will learn about decimals. They are going to make a whole from decimal numbers, compare, order and round them. The pupils will continue to show their understanding by solving problems using decimal numbers. The children will also deepen their understanding of money during the half term. They will be comparing, ordering and estimating amounts of money as well as solving 1 and 2 step word problems. They will further familiarise themselves with time reading both digital and analogue clocks.

Guided Reading texts: The Beasts of Clawstone Castle by Eva Ibboston and Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Science

Electricity and Circuits

In this topic children will be exploring various electrical appliances and how they are used in their setting with a view to understanding electricity and work with it safely. They will also be building circuits and investigating electrical conductors and insulators. They will conduct experiments to explore the relationship between the number of cells in a circuit and the brightness of the bulb. They will also cover historical discoveries to inform them about how science has progressed.

Humanities - History

Vikings

This half term the pupils will look at yet another invasion and its influence on Britain. The children will learn about how and why the Vikings invaded. They will be looking at where the Vikings originated from, the way they lived in their home land, why they invaded and how they finally settled in Britain. They will learn about the treaty that Alfred the Great signed with them. Children will also compare the Norse and Anglo-Saxon religion, their gods and learn about their famous army and explorers.

Art and Design

Fabric of Nature

Using the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, the children will develop drawings through experimentation and the use of textile-based techniques. Their final piece will result in the children creating a repeating pattern suitable for fabric. The children will take inspiration from the famous artist William Morris and pattern designer Megan Carter.

Computing

Computational Thinking

The children will develop their knowledge of four key areas in computational thinking. Decomposition. Abstraction. Pattern Recognition. Algorithm Design.

French

Transport

Children will be learning new transport related vocabulary and use it to construct sentences with the verb 'aller' which means 'to go'. They will use prepositions to express things like going on holiday or going to school by a particular mode of transport.

Music

The children will look at how music shapes people's way of life. They will look at three different songs including 'Oh Happy Days' and 'A World Full of Sound'. Within these songs, they will explore how music can play a significant part in helping people to get through their daily lives and improve it.

RE - Buddhism

This half term, the key question the children will be looking at is 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?' They will delve further into Buddhism and look at how learning about Buddha's teachings makes a difference to how Buddhists choose to live.

PE Tennis and Cricket

The focus for tennis this half term will be about developing a strong enough understanding of tennis to be able to win a game. In cricket, the children will be looking at a range of skills including bowling, batting and fielding as a team.

PSHE

During this half term, the children will focus on economic wellbeing. They will look at spending choices and sensible ways to look after money. In addition to this, they will explore the different types of jobs people have in the world.

Assembly Themes

Children will learn about the value of **self-belief** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about St George, the patron saint of England and the Buddhist festival Vesak alongside celebrating International Dance Day.



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