

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 - Summer 1 – 2024

English

This half term children will explore the book “Demon Dentist” by David Walliams.

Children will focus on writing a narrative with a clear structure, setting, characters and plot. They will learn how to plan and write a setting description using different strategies (for example, by imagining how reader’s eyes move from one section of a place to another).

In their story writing, children will focus on developing characters through dialogue, ensuring they apply the rules of inverted commas.

They will focus on structuring their writing using paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. In their sentences, they will focus on the correct use of apostrophes to mark plural possession (e.g. the girls’ names, the boy’s boots).

Computing

- Online Safety – plagiarism.
- As part of their Topic learning, children will carry out research, learning how to use search technologies effectively and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Spanish

The children will be learning popular Spanish songs as well as translating well known English songs into Spanish.

Music

This unit is about film theme tunes and how they set the mood for the story telling. The theme tune to *The Pink Panther* by Henry Mancini provides the foundation for exploring musical storytelling through listening and composing activities. Following this, we will explore the phenomenon known as synaesthesia and explore the many composers and visual artists who worked with it. We will look at works of art and music impacted by this phenomenon and explore how we can use colour and shape as inspiration for musical composition.

Topic – Burps, Bottoms and Bile

Science - Burps, Bottoms and Bile

- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.
- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.



PSHE

The children will be learning about the influence of the media and advertising. The children will also consider gender stereotypes in the work place.

RE

Sikhism the children will be learning about the religious festival Vaisakhi.

D&T

Prepare and arrange a healthy dish, applying the principles of a healthy and varied diet.

ART

Children will explore abstract expressionism and create art work inspired by this term’s topic.

Mathematics

Decimals

Children will continue learning about decimal numbers to 2 decimal places; comparing and ordering these numbers. They will also consolidate decimal equivalents of key fractions.

Angles

Children will learn how to identify acute and obtuse angles, and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size.

Shape and symmetry

Children will learn how to identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes presented in different orientations.

P.E.

- In PE, the children will be learning to perform a dance sequence based around the theme of the Victorians.
- In Gymnastics, the children will be learning running and sprinting skills.

Homework

- **Topic:** Topic homework due in at the end of term
- **Spellings:** A test each week and new spellings to be learnt, given out on a Friday.
- **Reading:** To be practised regularly. Books are changed when necessary.
- **Mathematics:** Weekly TT Rockstars Homework– To know all times tables up to 12x12.