

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 - Spring 1: 2025 - 26



English

- This term, we will be learning about a range of texts, including instructional writing, letter writing and poetry. Children will focus on the differences in structure as well as ways of choosing vocabulary for dramatic impact.
- Instructional writing: To create a recipe book of potions.
- Letter writing: To conduct an interview, write notes and create a letter to describe the effects of anaesthetics.
- Poetry: To focus on rhyming couplets using Macbeth as a stimulus.
- In terms of punctuation and grammar, children will focus on starting sentences with fronted adverbials and using apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession.

Topic – Potions!

Science

Electricity

Children will construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts. They will explore some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

History

Children will research and create the timeline of history of anaesthesia.

Art/D&T

In Art, children will use sketching and painting techniques to create potion bottles, shadow and reflection of light in the glass.

In D&T, children will select and use a wide range of materials, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities, to design and create their own potion bottles.

RE

The Big Question: How do we know? (Epistemology)

Children will explore how do we know about ourselves and reality more generally. They will explore the meaning of the words such as truth, perception, evidence and knowledge.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing- Growing and Changing.

What is puberty? Children will learn about the emotional and physical changes that occur during puberty. They will also reflect on how to maintain their physical and mental health.

Mathematics

Multiplication and Division

- To recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.
- To multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using the formal written layout.
- To solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two-digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects.
- To recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .

Length and perimeter

Measure and calculate the perimeter of polygons in practical situations. Convert between different units of measure using knowledge of length.

Fractions

- Children will consolidate understanding of recognising fractions in different representations, including bar models, drawings and number lines. They will explore improper fractions and solve real-life problems based on these. Using manipulatives, children will learn to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, including those with answers greater than one whole.

Computing

We are Toy Designers!

- Use technology safely/search technologies effectively.
- In this unit, children will develop their skills in designing, writing and debugging programs to accomplish specific goals.

P.E.

- Gymnastics – matching and mirroring movements. The children will be learning how to mirror each other's balances using both high and low balancing skills.
- Games – Invasion games. The children will be learning invasion techniques and game skills.

Spanish

- Where do you live? - Nationalities.
- How do others celebrate festivals E.g. Spaniards- La Tomatina, Las Fallas and others.

Music

South and West Africa *Shosholoza* To know that songs sung in other languages can contain sounds that are unfamiliar to us, like the clicks of the Xhosa language. To know that 'The Click Song' is a traditional song sung in the Xhosa language and is believed to bring good luck at weddings. To understand that major chords create a bright, happy sound. To know that poly-rhythms means many rhythms played at once

Homework

- Project:** Project will be due at the end of the half term
- Spellings:** 10 words to learn weekly for Friday
- Reading:** 15 minutes a day and signed by adult weekly
- Mathematics:** Times tables tasks up to 12×12 on Emile