

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 Autumn 2 – 2026-27



English

- Children will write engaging story openings, build ups and endings and learn how to convey a message through a story, all based on the rich narrative from the book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Children will compose sentences using a wider range of structures, including expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. They will use ambitious vocabulary and informal writing to write postcards. They will explore features of newspaper articles and write their own, using figurative language and varying sentence structure.

Computing

We are Musicians!

- Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour.
- Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs.
- Select, use and combine variety of digital software to produce music.

Topic – Europe, Here We Come!

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Geography:

- To use atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries in Europe.
- To explore key aspects of physical geography e.g. climate zones, mountains and rivers.
- Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

D&T

Children will design and make castanets and investigate which materials will produce the most effective sound.

ART

Our art focus next term will centre on topographic maps, with children creating pieces inspired by landforms and terrain.

RE

The children will be focusing on the question of origins. How did we get here? Where do we come from? They will be reflecting and explaining their views on how the universe began.

PSHE

This half-term the topic is 'Our Relationships'. Pupils will explore diversity, boundaries and friendships within relationships. Pupils will learn about how they can make and maintain respectful friendships.

Mathematics

- Continuation of Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables
- Multiply and divide mentally, including multiplying by 0 and 1 and dividing by 1.
- Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.
- Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems.
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.

P.E.

- Games - Invasion Games (Thursdays) and
- Gymnastics – Bridges (Fridays).

Spanish

- Recognise, recall and spell common animals in Spanish.
- Understand that articles /determiners have more options in Spanish than they do in English.

Music

Blues: To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time. To know that 12-bar Blues is a sequence of 12 bars of music, made up of three different chords. To know that 'blues' music aims to share feelings and blues songs tend to be about sadness or worry. To know that a 'bent note' is a note that varies in its pitch, e.g. the pitch may slide up or down. To understand that a chord is the layering of several pitches played at the same time.

Homework

- Project:** Project will be due at the end of the half term
- Spellings:** 10 words to learn weekly for Monday
- Reading:** 15 minutes a day and signed by adult weekly
- Maths:** Weekly maths homework on Atom Learning. Multiplication facts to be practised on Emile and TTRS. Maths Scrap Book Activity.