



Year 4 Curriculum overview – Spring Term 2023

English

In English we will be basing our work on stories by Kate DiCamillo.

Our first book is 'The Miraculous Journey of Edwards Tulane' and the second book is 'The Tale of Despereaux'.

Once we have studied her books, we will write a biography and a short story.

Our second topic is based on the book 'Cloud Busting' by Malorie Blackman.

We will write character descriptions and a newspaper report.

Maths

This term's maths is mainly based upon becoming confident using multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and we will start to learn about fractions.

We will learn how to add and subtract fractions, find fractions of amounts and quantities, and solve fraction problems.

We will then go on to learn about decimals fractions.

We will also learn about length and perimeter.

Reading

In reading this term we will be looking at reading extracts from:

The Moomins by T Jansson

Far Forest by G Nichols

The Borrowers by M Norton

Max and the Millions by R Montgomery

My Secret War Diary by F Albright

Adolphus Tips by M Morpurgo

Religious Education

Our work this term is about Easter and Hindus in Britain today.

In the first unit we will be looking at the events of Easter and its importance to Christians.

The second unit of work will look what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.

History

This term we will be learning about Anglo-Saxons and the question we will be finding the answer to is: How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?

We will be developing an understanding of why people invaded and settled, learning about Anglo-Saxon beliefs and the spread of Christianity, and assessing the contribution of the Anglo-Saxons to modern Britain.

Physical Education

We will continue swimming.

Our PE units this term are dance and gymnastics.

We will go to the Pioneer Centre for a residential visit and develop skills such as orienteering, outdoor challenges, team challenges, big bounce, and caving.

Art and Design

Art and design this term include: 3D pencil drawings, develop an awareness of proportion, composition and pattern in drawing and combine media for effect when developing a drawing into a print, creating a collage, making a wax resist picture and making a large printed work of art. The children will showcase their learning from across the unit by working in groups to create giant prints inspired by their collages and wax-resist drawings.

Science

In science we will be studying 'states of matter' and 'sound'. We will group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids, or gases. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and learn about the water cycle. We will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and find patterns between the pitch of a sound the object that produced it.

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French

The two French topics this term are: Les Fetes and Ou vas-tu?

We will talk about festivals and dates, presents at festivals, numbers 31 - 60 and give and understand instructions. We will learn about going to French cities and talk about the weather

Computing

This term we will be learning about Web design and HTML.

Web design involves the lessons: Google sites skills, Book review web page, creating a web page, Planning my web site, Creating my web site.

HTML involves the lessons: Introducing HTML, Remixing HTML, Changing HTML and CSS, Website hacking, Replacing images.

Geography

Our Geography topic is: Where does our food come from?

This includes mapping imports of food from around the world in relation to climate, learning about fair trade and exploring where the food we eat comes from.

Design Technology

We will be learning about how to sew a book cover.

This project includes evaluating existing products, exploration, planning, and finally making their own.

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Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (including Relationships Education)

PSHE will include Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

In 'Dreams and Goals' will look at hopes, dreams, disappointments and making new goals.

In 'Healthy Me' we will learn about healthy friendships and things that we can do to damage and care for our body.