

Year 4 Learning Journey

English

This half term, we will be writing a setting narrative based on the book 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow. We will then move onto looking at and writing our own Newspaper Reports. We will be doing Guided Reading and comprehension activities relating to our writing topics. For our spelling focusses, we will be studying different adverbs, words containing 'ay' and ending in '-tion' and revision of words from the Year 3 and 4 word list.

Mathematics

This half term, Year 4 will be focusing on multiplication and division, data handling and times tables. Children will be mastering different strategies to work out problems using multiplication and division. They will also be learning how to read, interpret and compare different pictograms, bar charts and time graphs, as well as constructing them, paying close attention to scale. They will finish by studying and securing multiplication facts focusing on the 7 and 9 times tables, exploring patterns and strategies to aid memory.

Spanish

The theme for Year 4 this half term is the 'Body'. Pupils will learn parts of the head and body in Spanish and use this language to describe monster pictures which they will create. The linguistic focus is gender, plurals and adjectives. Pupils will also take part in Spanish Christmas activities. An excellent website to practise this topic at home is www.languagenut.com or a good free app is ABC Español.

Religious Education

This half term, the Year 4 children will be learning about the birth of Jesus. We will look at what the Gospels of the New Testament tell us about Jesus's birth, and how this is celebrated around the world.

Science

This half term, the children will be learning more about animals including humans. We will begin by learning who eats what and why we're born without teeth before moving onto studying the stomach and small intestine in more detail, discovering why the stomach doesn't eat itself and how big actually is the small intestine? We will finish off our topic by finding out about different types of bacteria, delving into researching if all bacteria is bad for us?

Computing

During our Computing lessons, we will be learning about Photo Editing. We will develop our understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. We will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be developing their individual fundamental basic skills in order to improve coordination, agility and speed. They will focus on throwing, catching, running and skipping with a rope. The pupils will also participate in cross country and invasion games.

Music

Chapter 4 will perform a multi song nativity with increasing musicality. They will use actions, instruments and melodies to explain the story. They will attempt partner songs in 2 parts.

Humanities

In Geography, we will be learning about human population. We will discuss how populations fluctuate, how and why population distributions are uneven, and why people choose to migrate from rural to urban settings. We will also learn about the diversity of populations in places like London and Cardiff, and also spend some time learning about the language and culture of Wales. In History, we will be continuing in our studies on the Roman Empire. We will be looking at how Rome controlled their expanding empire using their powerful army, as well as focusing on Julius Caesar and Emperors Augustus, Claudius and Nero. We will finish by studying Pompeii and the Jewish Roman war.

DT

In DT this term, children will be designing and making their own night lights using a range of electronic and non-electronic materials. They will research different night lights, then design and make their own, using LED lighting to construct one for themselves.

LC+ In LC+, we will be developing our own ideas in a 'Make & Sell' project. We will be designing, making, advertising and selling Christmas-themed edibles to raise money for charity. We will carry out some market research which will help us create the best product for our intended buyers. We will also celebrate our own talents and skills during 'Time to Shine'.



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