Chapter 4 Learning Journey



English

In English this term we will be using a book called 'The Journey', which is all about the journey taken by a refugee family. We will focus on this to help us to write a narrative in a similar style, thinking about how what we write should affect the reader. Following this, we will use the narrative to help us to write a diary entry. We will also be doing comprehension lessons, our weekly spelling and will be continuing with our Steps to Read program.

Mathematics

This half term we will be completing lessons on area. We will be calculating the area of rectangles in mixed units. There will be a focus on converting between units of measure and will also be looking at how to find measurements of composite rectilinear shapes. We will then be moving onto solving problems involving money and measures, looking to consolidate the various calculation strategies we have learnt this year and applying them in different contexts.

Spanish

Los Animales This half term, the theme is animals. Pupils will revise information about themselves and classroom commands for use in the classroom and will revisit the names of pet animals in Spanish with a focus on gender and plurals. Pupils will then move onto the names of farmyard animals and will use a bilingual dictionary to look up the names of zoo animals. Stories with both zoo and farmyard animals will be part of lessons. They will learn how to describe the animals and say what characteristics they have. Pupils will begin to think about agreement and position of adjectives and will practise a and r phonemes. An excellent app for practising animal vocabulary at this stage is ABC Español.

Religious Education

During the first part of the summer term, Year 4 will be learning about how the message of Jesus began to spread around the world. We will be looking at the book 'The Acts of the Apostles', which follows immediately on from the Gospels. We will consider how this ties in with what we have learnt in History about early Christianity in different empires.

<u>Science</u>

During this half term the children will complete their learning about circuits and conductors. This topic teaches the children to recognise that electricity works when there is a complete circuit! We will be researching and investigating different circuits. We will then be creating our own circuits and evaluating their effectiveness.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in Athletics. They will be participating in a variety of events which include sprinting, jumping and throwing activities. They will compete competitively and aim to improve their techniques. During games lessons, they will be learning how

to play rounders, developing their ability to play kwik cricket and practising their tennis skills.

Humanities

In Geography, we will be learning about Earthquakes! We will become familiar with key terminology like 'tectonic plates', and learn about how and why earthquakes happen, as well as understanding how devastating they can be for communities. In History, we will be learning about Arabia and early Islam. We will learn about how this major religion started, where this took place, and when this fits in to our overall timeline. In history we will be learning about Early Arabia and Islam. This is the first of three units in history where children will study early Islamic civilisations in depth. In this unit, students will begin by exploring Arabia before Muhammad, focusing on Bedouin culture, trade, and desert life. Students will explore Makkah's geography, as well as its place in trade throughout the Middle East and the wider world. To learn about the oral culture of the time, the children will be immersed in poetry and stories from the period, including the birth of Muhammad. Furthermore, they will learn how Islam spread across the Middle East beginning in Medina, the birthplace of Islam.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be looking at repetition sequences, and how we can use them. We will learn how certain games and computer programs use repetition to great effect, then have a go at creating similar loops in our own projects.

Music

Traditional African Drumming This term we will explore the traditional music of central and western Africa. Pupils will apply their rhythmic composing skills and develop this into polyrhythmic and call and response composing structures. They will explore the traditional drums of Africa and develop ensemble playing skills and learn different drumming techniques.

Art

This term we will be researching the artist Andy Warhol. Year 4 will be creating their own Pop Art images in the style of Andy Warhol. We will be investigating his work and looking at what made Andy Warhol such a famous and inspiring artist.

<u>LC+</u> In LC+ this term, we will be using the outdoor gym equipment, learning how to use them safely and effectively to benefit us most. We will keep track of our performance in a bid to improve it week to week. We will be continuing our cookery course, whilst some of us keep working on our dance routine with Mrs Whitehead. We will also be learning some First Aid this term, focussing specifically on how to respond to head injuries and asthma attacks.

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