

Year 4

Curriculum Coverage- Spring Term 1

ENGLISH: We will begin a book study on Michael Morpurgo's, 'The Butterfly Lion.' We will look at the role of the narrator and develop our fluency and comprehension skills, including the use of drama to help us infer things about characters. We will further develop our punctuation skills by looking at dialogue and revise how to spot and use adverbs and fronted adverbials.

MATHS: We will be working on multiplication and division and aiming to develop greater fluency in using times table facts. We will be applying our multiplication knowledge in solving real-life problems. We will begin to learn about area and how to calculate it for different shapes.

SCIENCE: This half term we will be looking at 'Sound'. The children will learn how sounds are made and will make links to vibrations travelling through a medium to the ear. They will explore patterns between pitch and the object that produced the sound, as well as volume and the strength of the vibrations.

HISTORY: This topic will last until the Easter holidays. We will learn all about what life was like under the rule of Queen Victoria for workers, families and children. We will learn about the huge changes that occurred during this important era including the Industrial Revolution.

GEOGRAPHY: Our topic for this term is 'Extreme Earth.' We will start by reminding ourselves of the structure of the earth, and then look at how this is linked to physical features such as volcanoes, earthquakes, tornados and tsunamis.

ART: We will look at sculpture this half term and focus on the work of Alberto Giacometti and begin to understand how the time he lived in influenced his work. We will develop our observational skills by focussing on proportion and use the same processes as Giacometti to create a sculpture in the same style as him.

MUSIC: We will be continuing with our recorder playing. We will be creating our own musical phrases and then performing them. We will be learning the new notes F, E and D so we will then know six notes including how to read the music notation. We will also continue singing a range of songs and listening to different musical genres.

P.E: The class will work with PE specialist Mr Dowson on a Monday. The 'Super Skills' session will work on basic PE skills and general fitness goals. In our Friday P.E. lessons, children will be working on their gymnastics skills. Children will develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements and use these skills to create more complex sequences.

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R.E: In RE the children will be exploring the question, 'What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?'

PSHE: We will be talking about the choices people make and why they are important to them. For example, we will discuss the choices people making regarding what they eat (religious, moral, ethical choices) and about important issues such as fair trade and factory farming. We will also cover the need to get enough sleep to allow our bodies to rest, grow, heal and feel well.

COMPUTING: We will be looking at repetition and loops within programming. Children will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.

FRENCH: We will be learning some more conversational French.