

Science

In science, the children will be learning about electricity. We will discuss which appliances use mains electricity, name the parts of a simple electrical circuit and build a working circuit. The children will also learn about insulators and conductors, and electrical safety.

Design and Technology

The children will be learning about mechanisms by studying how hinges are made and they will design and create their own hinges then incorporate these into a product.

They will also be working with textiles to create a device to stop a tea towel slipping off its hook. They will learn some simple stitches to use in the end product.

Maths

At the end of Year 4, the children are required to sit an official times table check test. Over the year, we will be working to consolidate the times tables that the children already know, and we will be moving on to learn the remaining times tables.

In this first half term, we will be working on reasoning with numbers including thousands. The children will also be developing their addition and subtraction skills with 4 digit numbers.

PSHE

This half term our topic is 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will take part in discussions and will discuss different scenarios, looking at how to navigate different issues.

They will also take part in a lesson about peer pressure and the importance of making good choices.

English

In English, we will be reading Anthony Brown's book 'Gorilla'. It is a fantasy book, and at the end of the unit, children will write a fantasy story based on this book.

In this unit, they will be learning to add detail to their writing using expanded noun phrases, to use fronted adverbials followed by a comma to make their sentences more interesting and they will be organising their work in paragraphs.

Geography / History

Pupils will begin learning about the Anglo Saxon invasions of Britain, and how this changed the lives of people living here. As well as this, we will look at Viking life, how they lived and where they invaded and settled.

Religious Education

Children will learn about the different faiths that can be found in our country and more specifically, our local communities.

MFL - Arabic

We will learn the Arabic alphabet and personal information.

Computing

We are coding this half term using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.

Music

All the learning for this module will be focused on the band ABBA, with a particular focus on their popular song Mama Mia. The children will learn about different aspects of music through games, singing and composing.

PE

This half term our PE days are:

4A – Monday and Tuesday

4B – Monday and Tuesday

4C – Tuesday and Wednesday

Please could you make sure that your child has full kit including black trainers. Your child must not wear any jewellery including earrings on days when they have PE.

Memorable Experience / Help at home / Messages

On Monday 20th October, we will be performing our Diwali assembly. Please keep an eye on school ping for timings if you would like to come and watch.

You can help your child by:

Reading with them for at least 10 minutes a day. Practising times tables.

Looking at non-fiction books or web pages that help children understand the Viking way of life. Completing any homework set by the class teacher.