



Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

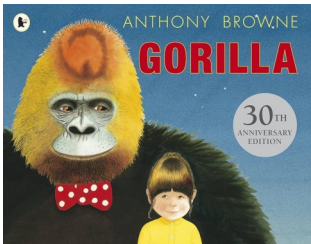
Our Topic is World War One



English

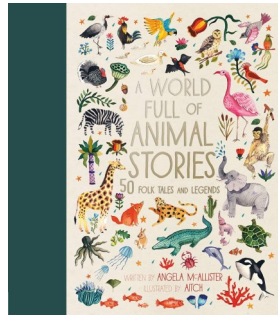


Our current English book for this half term is 'Gorilla' by 'Anthony Browne' which we will be studying as our novel for this term.

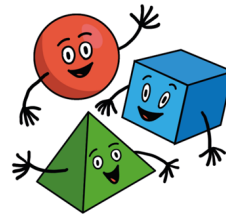


This half term, we will be writing a non-chronological report on gorillas and writing an adventure narrative. We will be focusing on using expanded noun phrases to describe, prepositions and fronted adverbials to engage the reader before applying these within our own writing. We will begin to learn the skills to edit and improve our work as well as creating a final piece for our writing display.

Our reading text for this term is A World Full of Animal Stories. We'll be developing our retrieval, vocabulary and inference skills.

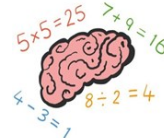


Maths



In Maths this half term, we will be learning about place value as well as adding and subtracting four digit numbers.

To begin our place value unit, we will explore the value of each part of a four digit number. We will use this knowledge to compare and order numbers as well as finding 10/100/1000 more and less. We will then learn how to round to the nearest multiple of ten, hundred and thousand. Using this learning, we will begin to add and subtract four digit numbers to solve real life problems.



Maths Meeting

In Maths Meetings this term, we will be recapping all the skills we've learnt in Maths during Year 3. We will continue to recap our Maths Mastery learning of place value as well as column addition and subtraction. We will focus on our 4, 8 and 3 times tables ensuring we can recite these multiplications in and out of order confidently.



ClassDojo

Remember to check Class Dojo for updates!



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Science

In Science this half term, we learning about living things and their habitats. We will think about how animals and plants coexist and adapt to survive in their habitat. We will explore how they depend on each other in food chains, and use branching data-bases to classify different species.



History

In History this half term, we will begin to explore World War One. We will learn about the causes, what life was like for the soldiers, and what life was like on the homefront.



Geography

In Geography this half term, we will learn about Europe. We'll look at countries, borders and capital cities. We'll see how countries have changed since World War One.



Art

This half term, we will begin to develop our sketching and toning skills when drawing still life objects including confectionary.



DT

In DT this term, we are focusing on joining materials. We will build a model of a trench. We will evaluate some existing products, then use this to help us to plan our own trench. We will think about how to effectively join the materials. We will then evaluate our trenches with our peers.



Computing

In computing this half term, we will begin to look at decomposition and algorithms.



Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will learn to count to 20 and explore the Spanish alphabet.



Music

In Music, we will begin to learn to play the ukulele in our lessons. We will also be using Charanga to study musical structures and exploring feelings through music.



PSHE

In PSHE, we'll be focusing on our 'personal' health. We will explore what is meant by a positive relationship and develop respect for individuals similarities and differences. We will also learn more about puberty through a visit from 'Big Talk.'



Life Skills

Our Life Skill for Autumn 1 is speaking & listening, and for Autumn 2 it's Creativity. We'll also be learning about World First Aid Day, Bonfire Safety & Railway Safety

What's happening this half term?

Tuesday 22nd September: Year 4 Visit to Royal Armouries

Friday 29th September: Spanish Day

Tuesday 29th September: Big Talk

Wednesday 7th October: Crafternoon

Friday 9th October: Wear Yellow for Mental Health

Thursday 22nd October: Parents' Evening