

YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW

Year 4 – Spring 1

English - Reading

In reading lessons, pupils continue to develop their fluency knowledge and skills through a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Pupils also develop core reading skills through the range of texts they read:

- Vocabulary
- Retrieval
- Inference
- Prediction
- Summary
- Authorial intent

This half term's texts are 1066 and Erik the viking.

English - Writing

During the Spring term, the children will explore both fiction and non-fiction inspired by '1066', 'Erik the Viking' and a video called 'Dragon Slayer.' They will work on punctuation, grammar, and vocabulary including developing their understanding of the effect of organisational devices such as prepositional phrases, apostrophes and possessive pronouns.

Narrative: The children will plan and tell a three-part story based on the events of *Dragon Slayer*. We will be focusing on using skills such as determiners and prepositional phrases which explains where something is in relation to its position.

Non-Chronological Report: They will write a report on the historic Battle of Hastings. During this cycle, we will focus on implementing conjunctions to extend our sentences, and possessive apostrophes to show when an object or item belongs to a person, place or thing.

Diary: A diary of a soldier fighting in the Battle of Hastings to show the terrors of war, will be the final piece of writing. Within this cycle, we will use expanded noun phrases to enhance description within writing and possessive nouns.

Maths

Graphs: In this chapter, pupils will learn how to interpret picture graphs and bar graphs. They will be introduced to line graphs and how they are used to measure change over time. They will interpret line graphs and use information collated in a table to draw a line graph. Pupils will make predictions based on trends identified in data.

Fractions: In this chapter pupils will be introduced to hundredths. They will learn about mixed number fractions and improper fractions. They will learn how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions and will solve addition and subtraction word problems.

Time: Pupils will learn about the 24-hour clock. They will learn how to use both the 12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock. They will convert between units of time, such as minutes and seconds, and hours and minutes. Pupils will learn how to solve time problems involving conversions and will calculate durations of time in relation to word problems.

Science

Electricity: This unit looks at different common appliances that run on electricity, how much energy they use and where they can be found in our homes. Children will classify and work scientifically by drawing simple scientific diagrams and will use this knowledge to build an electrical circuit.

History

Vikings: In this unit, children will be learning about the Vikings invading up to the Norman conquest. The children will understand who the Vikings were and why they came to Britain. They will discover where the first Viking landings were and compare their everyday lives to the Anglo Saxons. They will compare different primary sources to discover who King Athelstan was and understand the cause and effects leading to the end of the Viking era.

Art and Design:

Wonderful Weaving: This topic teaches children the artform of weaving and how it has developed over time, including the materials and techniques required to create woven patterns. Children will begin by developing weaving skills using paper before designing and weaving their own wall hangings.

Computing

Coding: Using our Purple Mash scheme of work, children will explore coding. They will explore using different commands, variables and use flowcharts for design of algorithms.

Alongside our scheme of learning, through project Evolve, children will learn how to manage online information, their online reputation and complete a Safer Internet Week project.

Music

This term, children will continue to learn how to play the ukulele with a music teacher.

Modern Foreign Language (MFL) - French

During this half term the children will continue to develop their French vocabulary. They will look at the topic: Family tree and faces. This unit involves epiphany time again and meeting the alien family.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals: In this Puzzle, the children will consider their hopes and dreams. They discuss how it feels when dreams don't come true and how to cope with/overcome feelings of disappointment. The children will discuss making new plans and setting new goals even if they have been disappointed. The class will explore group work and overcoming challenges together. They will also reflect on their successes and the feelings associated with overcoming a challenge.

Religious Education (R.E.)

Christianity: What kind of world did Jesus want?

In this unit, children will learn about the concept of 'Gospel' which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. This will include the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Swimming: This half term, we will be attending weekly swimming lessons where we will continue to develop our swimming skills to try and meet the end of KS2 swimming target: Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.