

Curriculum Overview

Year 4
Spring 1 2024



Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists**, we will be learning about 'Sound'. We will identify how sounds are made and link this to vibrations. We will try to find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produce it, we will also find out how to change the pitch of a sound. We will explore how sounds change over distance and we will investigate the best material for absorbing sound. We will also recognise that vibrations of sound travel to the ear

As **Artists**, we will be finding out about the life and work of the artist Gustav Klimt. We will look at some of his work and discuss our feelings and opinions of it and then we will try and use a range of drawing skills in our own artwork recreating some work in the style of Klimt.

As **Historians**, we will be learning about World War 2. We will start by learning about what the causes of WWII were and then move on to learn about the roles of the Home front and the Armed Forces in the war. We will also learn about the Battle of Britain and what people did to pass the time in the war.

LITERACY

The book we will be focusing on, in our Power of Reading lessons, this half term will be 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Stanton.

In our Writing lessons, we will be story writing with Myths. This will include using expanded noun phrases and building on our knowledge of fronted adverbials and paragraphs.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we will be continuing our learning of multiplication and division – concentrating on column multiplication and short division, as well as identifying the vocabulary involved in word problems. We are then moving on to working out the area of a shape and then working out what a unit and non-unit fraction is.

RE

In RE our key question is 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will find out about how God and Jesus want us to live and how we can live a good life by following God's expectations.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals', which includes discussing our aspirations for the new year and how we should behave.

Computing

Computing will be all about online safety and how to stay safe when using various devices.

PE

In PE, this half term we will be learning tag rugby, taught by Moseley Rugby Club and Outdoor and Adventure activities.

Music

We will not be having music lessons this half term.

French

In French this half term, we will be learning about our town. We will say where we live and know about towns and the names of buildings.

Our Class Value

Trust

Curriculum Enrichment

Linked to our Science topic of 'Electricity' we will be carrying out various experiments and investigations to understand more about how circuits work and how we can use a switch to turn a light on or off.

Weekly Homework

Homework is set every Friday on Purple Mash with an explanatory note attached. We have spellings to learn for a dictation test the following week. There is also a quiz to help with the spellings, maths activities and multiplication practice

Homework Project

Our optional homework project is for the children to choose from any of the topics we are covering this half term – they can produce a piece of work of their choice using any style or medium they would like to work with.