

English

In Reading, we will be using short extracts to develop the children's comprehension skills with a focus on using retrieval and inference to understand the texts better.

In Writing, we will be recapping the grammar learnt in Year 4, including punctuating speech, fronted adverbials and prepositions. Children will also be introduced to parenthesis. They will use these skills to write their own Greek-style mythical narrative, a formal persuasive letter and finally an explanation text on a whimsical gadget.

Spellings

Children will learn how to spell words that end with the patterns 'ious', 'cious', 'cial' and 'tial'. They will also learn challenging words which do not necessarily follow a spelling pattern.

PSHE

Our focus this term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will learn about rules, rights and responsibilities and about how these, and our behaviour, impacts our community.

PE

In PE this term, the children will be practising football skills such as dribbling and passing the ball. They will also work on their fitness and cross country running.

DT

Children will learn about cams and how they can be used to create a range of movements. They will make their own cam toys using Ancient Greece as their inspiration.

Science

In Science, we will be asking ourselves the question: How do things move? To answer this, we will be studying forces (gravity, friction, air resistance etc.) and the impact these have on the world around us. In order to understand the different forces, we will study them practically by setting up experiments and recording our findings.



History

We will be investigating the link between the Ancient Greeks and the society in which we live today. This will involve considering the three main eras within the Greek civilisation.

We will also be looking at the creation of democracy and the Olympic Games. Furthermore, we will investigate historical sources and decide what makes a source reliable.

French

The focus of the first term is 'All About Ourselves'. Children will learn the names of various parts of the body and clothing so that they can start to describe appearance. They will also look at different emotions. Grammar such as the position of adjectives within sentences, as well as their agreement with the gender of the noun, will be studied.

Maths

We will start the year off looking at place value. This knowledge will be essential for the maths we will study throughout the year. At first we will focus on larger numbers, up to 6 digits, learning how to read, write, order, compare and round them. We will briefly move onto negative numbers before delving into representing, ordering, comparing and rounding non-integer numbers (mainly decimals, though fractions will also be introduced within this unit).

Computing

The children will be using Purple Mash to learn about coding using '2Code'. They will use this platform to design their own games, by using code to make characters move and interact with one another.

RE

In RE, we will learn about Sikhism. We will find out about how Sikhs worship and show commitment to their religion.



Reminders

Spelling tests will take place on Mondays.

Reading Records will be collected weekly – these need to be signed by an adult.

Times tables should be practised regularly, as rapid recall of these are vital in our maths work.