

English

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

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

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 decimals, especially focusing in on how these are a part of a whole and how we can represent such numbers. We will also practise calculating with decimals, both mentally and by using formal methods of addition and subtraction. This will lead us to solve problems involving decimals, especially in the context of lengths.

Towards the end of the term, we will begin to explore negative numbers, considering their position on the number line.

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.