

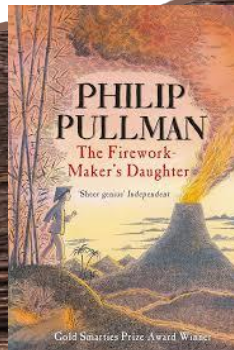
Autumn Term First Half 2024 – Year 4



English

We are beginning the term by developing our diary writing skills using the film EVOL as our stimulus. Next, we will read 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and utilise what we have read to write a setting description. We will round off the half term using the film short 'Once in a Lifetime' to develop our setting description skills, using language for atmosphere and figurative language to enhance our work.

We are reading...



Reading:

We will use our daily reading time (ERIC) each week to listen to children read. Please support us in developing your child's reading by sharing books and listening to them read at home. Reading should be recorded in Reading Record Books which will be checked when I read with their group.

Maths

This term we will begin with a focus on place value, where we will represent, partition and compare numbers up to 10,000. We will then develop our rounding skills rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. Next, we will move on to working on our addition and subtraction skills, working with numbers with up to 4-digits.

Geography

We will start the term with the geography unit 'Rivers'.

The children will explore the water cycle and locate the world's longest rivers on a map, describe how rivers are used around the world, identify the features of rivers and how the land use changes, explain how human activity affects rivers and how flooding affects communities.

Science

In science this half term, we will begin by grouping and classifying living things – both animals and plants. We will then carry out our first data collection of the school year looking at what living things we can identify in the local area. We will repeat this in the Spring and Summer terms. We will end the half term by beginning our states of matter topic, exploring solids, liquids and gases.

RE

For the first half of the term, we will be learning about Islam and considering the key question, "How special is Allah to Muslims?"

Children will consider ways they can show respect to others and understand the 99 names and attributes of Allah.

We will move on to describing ways in which Allah is important and think about how we show respect.

Music

We start the year with a unit entitled 'Musical structures' and we will be using our improvisational and composing skills to explore the question 'How does music bring us together?'.

Mrs Taylor will be teaching music again this year.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is 'Animation'. We will explore different ways we can create animations, using a variety of techniques.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**,

please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these

Autumn 1st Half: Netball and Tag Rugby
Swimming will be on Thursday mornings
beginning 12th September.

French

Our first French unit this term is 'Portraits'. We will be creating descriptions of hair and eye colour and develop our writing by creating simple descriptive sentences. We will also learn to express our own likes and dislikes.

PSHE

We start the year with the unit, "Being Me in My World."

Children will be thinking about what it means to be a class 'team' and also a school citizen. We will explore how democracy works through the school council and think about how rules and consequences affect behaviour. We will agree on a class learning charter.

Art

This half term we will be developing our drawing skills. We will experiment with shading and tone to create a 3D effect, use charcoal as a drawing material to create areas of light and dark, working up to creating a mixed media drawing and experiment with printing.