

# Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2025 – Year 4



## English

We are beginning the half term by writing a fantasy narrative, looking at the key features of a narrative before writing our own. We are going to be using the short film 'Dream Giver' to inspire our writing. We will move on to writing our own letter based on the story, 'The Night Bus Hero'. This letter will include all features of a letter.

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

Our first topic will be length and perimeter. We start by measuring lengths in kilometres and metres and their equivalents. We move onto perimeter and will be investigating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes as well as regular and irregular polygons. Our final topic will be fractions. The children will be looking at understanding the whole, counting beyond one, partitioning, comparing, ordering and understanding mixed numbers. Throughout this term, we will be practicing our multiplication and division facts to increase confidence and fluency.

## Science

In science this half term, we will focus on states of matter and will explore:

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- Vibrations
- The ear
- Investigate sounds
- Explore volume
- Explore pitch
- Volume experiment

## Geography

In our Geography this half term, we are looking at 'Rainforests'. We will locate the rainforests across the world; learn the features of a rainforest, why they are important and what effect deforestation is having on the world. We will look at two rainforests, in the Congo and the Amazon rainforest, in particular.



## RE

This half term we will be returning to the Islamic faith, focusing on the theme of 'The Prophet Muhammad'.

The children will explore the key question: How important is the Prophet Muhammad to Muslims?

## Music

We start this half term with the unit 'Compose using your imagination' and exploring the key question: 'How does music improve our world?'

## Computing

We will be recapping e-safety to ensure the children know how to stay safe online. It is important for you to discuss this at home too. We will also be learning how to do effective and safe internet research.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday**, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: dance (Creative me) and handball (thinking me)

## French

In French the children will learn their numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths and songs and class surveys: they will research the dates of French festivals and will end the unit having a traditional French birthday celebration.

## PSHE

This term the children will look at the module appreciate, this teaches children the importance of **gratitude** for themselves, others, and everyday experiences to build resilience and well-being, explaining how saying "thank you" releases feel-good chemicals like dopamine, using tools like the gratitude wheel, and encouraging reflection to develop a lifelong habit of appreciation for positive things.

## Art

This half term, Year 4 are looking at 'Painting and mixed media: Light and dark' where we will be developing our skills in colour mixing, focusing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. We will also be experimenting with composition and applying painting techniques to a personal still life piece.