

# Spring Term 2nd Half 2025 – Year 4



## English

In English we will begin the half term with a focus on the video short:

'For the birds'. We will develop our letter writing skills in order to write a persuasive letter.

We will then move on to reading the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will use this to write a monologue from the point of view of 'The Iron Man' and also for inspiration to write a poem using repetition, onomatopoeia and description.

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. A Dojo will be awarded for each day of home reading.

## Maths

This half term we will focus on the topic of fractions and decimals. We will explore:

- Mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Adding and subtracting two or more fractions
- Adding and subtracting mixed numbers
- Tenths as fractions
- Tenths as decimals
- Tenths on a place value chart
- Dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10
- Hundredths as fractions
- Hundredths as decimals
- Hundredths on a place value chart

## Science

In science this half term, we will focus on electricity and will explore:

- Common appliances that use electricity
- Build and draw a series circuit
- Conductors and insulators
- Conductivity
- Data collection

## History

In History this half term we will explore what it was like for children in WWII. We will begin by finding out when and where WWII took place and what The Blitz was. Next, the children will explore the effects of air raids and the causes of evacuation. We will find out about the experiences and feelings of evacuees, discover what rationing was and why it was necessary – considering how war affected people's everyday lives.



## RE

This half term, we will be learning about forgiveness within the Christian faith. Through the story of Easter, Jesus's life, death and resurrection, we will learn to understand how this teaches Christians about forgiveness. We will explore the key question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

## Music

Our unit is entitled 'Feelings through Music'. We will continue to develop our musical knowledge and skills by listening to, singing with and playing along to different styles of music. Alongside this, we will continue to extend our composition and improvisation abilities using what we have previously learnt and added new skills.

## Computing

Our focus at the beginning of the half term will be on data-handling and how this is collected, analysed, evaluated and presented. We will also be learning about the inside of a computer, including using search filters on websites to find suitable information.

PE

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

## French

In French, the children will be learning the vocabulary and phrases to describe the weather. They will learn how to say the temperature in French, describe the weather using points of the compass and finally they will learn how to understand the water cycle in French.

## PSHE

We will be studying the unit, 'Healthy Me.' The children will discuss the importance of the friends they have and how these are healthy friendships. We will also discuss the importance of celebrating their own inner strength and assertiveness. Finally, we will look at how alcohol and smoking affect our bodies and some of the reasons people choose to smoke and drink.

Spring 2nd Half:

Gymnastics and Outdoor Adventure Activities

## DT

This half term, Year four are looking at 'Mechanical systems' to build a slingshot car. They will build a slingshot car, designing it to reduce air resistance, making it from their design and then finally testing their product to see which design travels the furthest.