

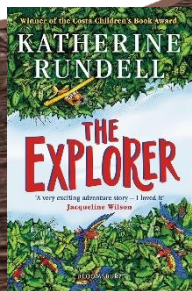
Autumn Two in Year 4



English

In English this half term, we are beginning by looking at a Poem called 'The Collector'. The children will be writing their own version of this poem in the first few weeks. We will then move on to writing a narrative based on the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, which is a wordless book. We will be doing regular spelling practice looking at new spelling rules and consolidating ones learned in Year 3. Children will also continue to learn how to join letters in their handwriting.

We are reading...



All children have a reading book and diary which we ask them to bring into school every day. We expect them to be reading at home **AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK** which is recorded in their diary and signed by an adult. We will also be having a weekly trip to the Branches library where children will choose a book for them to enjoy in school.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this half term will start with a focus on area. We will then move on to looking at multiplication and division. We will continue to have weekly lessons focussing on our times tables where there will be an increase in the number of questions that the children will be challenged to complete. We encourage regular practise on Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) to support this.

Science

Our topic in Science is 'States of Matter'. Children will learn how to compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gasses; observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled; identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

DT

Our first Design and Technology project of Year 4 will be to make a slingshot car. Children will begin by making the chassis and launch mechanism for their car, followed by designing and making the car body that reduces air resistance. They will then assemble and test their completed product.



History

Our first History topic of the year is 'A Child in Time' which will look into how children's lives have changed. Children will use sources to evaluate how children's lives have changed, investigate why Tudor and Victorian children worked and what it was like and evaluate Lord Shaftesbury's significance to children's lives.

French

Our second French unit is called 'Presenting myself'. The children will revise their basic greetings and will learn how to ask and answer questions, such as 'what is your name?' – in French of course!

They will also revise their numbers to 10 and learn the next set of numbers 11-20.

We will also listen to some Christmas songs sung in French and learn some key vocabulary related to Christmas.

Music

In Music, we will be rocking out in our rock and roll unit. Children will learn the hand jive actions in sequence and in time with the music. They will be singing classic rock and roll songs as well as playing the notes of the walking bass in the correct sequence.

PSHE

This half term our theme is 'Celebrating Difference'. During this puzzle piece we will consider what makes us all unique and will celebrate these differences. We will also talk about the importance of standing up against bullying.

Computing

Our next topic in Computing is about photo editing. Children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited and how they can be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child is sent into school wearing their PE kits on these days. A reminder that earrings should be removed on these days, if not, children will be asked to cover them up.

This half term, we will focus on Netball and Gymnastics.