

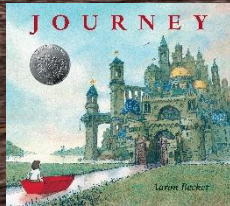
Spring 1 in Year 4



English

This half term we are focusing on the narrative book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, which is a wordless book. In the second half of this half term we will move on to looking at 'Once upon a raindrop' by James Carter.

We are reading...



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.

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

We start this half term continuing our work on multiplication and division including looking at the written method of long multiplication. In the second half of this half term we will be working on 'measures' including metres and kilometres, and perimeter of shapes.

We encourage regular practise on Times Table Rockstars to support this.

Science

This half term, we are looking at habitats around the world and in the UK. We will be thinking about which animals live where and what the climate is like in these habitats. We will also look at how animals are classified and what makes an animal a reptile or mammal etc.

Art

This half term we are becoming designers! Having explored different ways of creating pattern and collecting our ideas on mood boards, we will be using fabric pens and crayons to do our own designs on fabric.



Geography

In Geography our topic is 'What are rivers and how are they used?'

We will learn about the water cycle in detail. We will also learn about the features of a river, and the three courses of a river.

The children will be able to name some major rivers and their locations.

We will also take a walk to our local river to look at the features of the river.

French

Our French unit this half term is called 'What is the weather?'

The children will learn nine different phrases to describe the weather. They will learn to read the weather map in different parts of the country and they will get to be weather presenters.

Music

Linked to our topic on rivers, our music this term looks at pieces of music that can be used as description for rivers or sounds like a river. We will focus on pitch and dynamics using a variety of instruments.

P5HCE

As we start a new calendar year, we are focusing on our dreams and aspirations for the future. We also will talk about resilience and determination when things don't quite go as we hoped.

Computing

This half term, we are programming!

Using Turtle Academy, we will be learning how to create algorithms to move a turtle avatar.

We will learn how to use repeated patterns and shapes in our programming.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child is sent into school wearing their PE kits on these days.

Please could the children bring a spare pair of shoes on a Tuesday as they will get muddy.

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 Tag Rugby and Dance.