

## ENGLISH

In English, we are learning the skills for story writing, poetry, and persuasion. We will concentrate on developing use of punctuation, spelling, powerful vocabulary, more interesting sentence construction and use of correct grammar. The above skills will be taught through the context of a class novel. We are reading 'Snow White in New York' and 'The Accidental President'. To help your child at home, ask them about the work they have been doing at school - ask them to talk about the books they read. Spelling and handwriting are also important skills so practising these at home will be beneficial.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about being part of a class and school community, exploring how their actions effect the whole group.

We will also find out what democracy means and how this is used in school, through our rules, routines, and school council.



## ART

Children will be developing their art skills through their topic 'Plant Art'. This will involve children looking at a range of artists who have created plant-themed artwork, including Georgia O'Keeffe. Over the course of the unit, children will be practising their observational skills as well as experimenting with printing, clay, and their ability to create tones and hints.

## MATHS

In Maths, we will continue to develop the key skills children have already been taught as well as introduce new concepts.

In Arithmetic, we will read and write numbers up to 5 digits, understanding the place value as we do this. We will learn to round numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. We will also learn to read, write, and convert between fractions and decimals.

Another focus will be comparing and converting between different units of measure, which we will then use to solve word problems involving measures and money.

This year, children will also be sitting the Multiplication Tables Check in June, therefore please ensure you practise these at home.

## RE

In RE, the children will be studying different religions over the year.

This term our focus will be on Judaism. They will find out about the beliefs, acts of worship and symbolism of this religion.

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## COMPUTING

Children will be continuing to develop their skills when using a laptop. This will include opening and saving documents such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

## Geography

This term, children will be finding out about the Americas. We will use maps and atlases to locate States within North and South America and we will also find out which cities are within these states. We will compare similarities and differences between climate, landscape, and environments of these regions. Our studies will focus on the places along the historic Route 66. If you wish to support your child in their learning about this, you could visit Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize to conduct some research.

## MUSIC



This half term, Year 4 will take part in weekly music lessons looking at the song Mamma Mia. We will listen to and appraise the song, as well as other music by ABBA. We will learn the song and add instruments to it ready for a recorded performance. 4JB will also begin Ukulele lessons.

## SCIENCE

In Science, the children will be increasing their understanding of Living Things. We will learn what a classification key is and sorting and classifying living things into groups based on their properties.

We will also investigate the environment different groups need and explore how changes in an environment will affect the living things that live there.

## INFORMATION

### PE day is Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure children are in their school PE kit and jewellery is removed. As weather gets colder, please ensure children are wearing appropriate kit as we may be outside.

### Reading books

We hear all children read weekly and reading books are changed regularly. Please make sure your child brings their reading book to school **every day**.