



Chapter 4 Learning Journey

English

This half term, we will be looking at Myth Narratives, using 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' as our Vehicle Text. We will learn how these myths are constructed, and the language used to create them. We will also be looking at an 'Instructional Guide' in the second part of this half term, and learning how to write in this style accurately. As well as this, we will be having our weekly spellings, and doing Steps to Read sessions with our form tutors.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about coastlines and the different processes involved in shaping them, including erosion, transportation and deposition, as well as looking at coastal habitats.

Mathematics

This half term, we will begin by revisiting previous learning, considering what a fraction is and how it can be represented. We will then progress to find equivalent fractions, look at mixed numbers and improper fractions, add and subtract fractions, calculate fractions of quantities and finally solve problems involving fractions. Throughout the unit we will be using a variety of representations, including lots of visual and concrete manipulatives, to increase our understanding, flexibility and depth of understanding with fractions. We will also be exploring Time - reading time on analogue and digital clocks and converting between measures of time.

Spanish

La Comida This half term, pupils will be introduced to food and drink vocabulary in Spanish. They will learn about the origin of tapas and what foods are tapas. Pupils will sample tapas and give their opinion of this food. They will also research Spanish recipes and will be encouraged to try them out at home. Pupils will use a Spanish dictionary to discover the names of paella ingredients in Spanish and will learn how to identify masculine and feminine words in the dictionary.

Religious Education

This half term, Year 4 will be looking at the life and teachings of Jesus. We will focus on his ministry as recorded in the Gospels, and learn about some of the things Jesus said and did.

Science - During this half term, the children will explore sound and investigate how sound can be changed. They begin with what sound is, and how it is made, before allowing them the chance to investigate for themselves how sound travels, how it can be blocked and how different pitches can be achieved. This topic is

very hands on and provides the children with lots of opportunities to investigate and have fun!

Computing

This unit is the first of the two programming units in Year 4, and looks at repetition and loops within programming. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

Music Peter and the Wolf

This term is all about the Instruments of the Orchestra. Chapter 4 will explore the 4 families of the orchestra and 'have a go' at a variety of orchestra instruments. They will investigate how they make sound and make connections between size and pitch. They will study 'Peter and the Wolf' and analyse the music and instrumental choices for each character.

Physical Education

This half term, the children will be participating in Gymnastics. They will be exploring balance and receiving their body weight in different ways. Strength and flexibility will be a focus. During Games lessons, the pupils will also participate in cross country, tag rugby, football, hockey, netball and dance.

Art

Year 4 pupils will learn about the Spanish artist Joan Miró. They will find out about surrealism and will focus on Miró's use of shapes in his pictures. Pupils will discuss automatic drawing and will experiment with surrealist ideas in their sketchbooks. Taking inspiration from Joan Miró designs, pupils will create surrealist art using filter paper and clay. This cross curricular, creative project will link with Spanish lessons where associated vocabulary will be studied. We will also be looking at a variety of other artists to make comparisons with.

History

In History this half term, we will be concluding our studies on the Romans by learning about their invasion of Britain. We will be thinking about some of the key figures involved and the key dates of events, and reflecting on how the Romans still influence life in Britain today.

LC+

In LC+ this half term, we will be covering the topics Running and Music in the Mornings. This will entail doing a variety of short running sessions focusing on different areas of the body, and learning to play the glockenspiel.

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