



Chapter 4 Learning Journey

English

This half term, we will be writing a setting narrative based on the book 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow. We will then move onto looking at and writing our own Newspaper Reports. We will be doing Guided Reading and comprehension activities relating to our writing topics. For our spelling focusses, we will be studying '-ssion/-ation/ -cian/' endings.

Mathematics

This half term, Year 4 will be focusing on multiplication and division, data handling and times tables. Children will be mastering different strategies to work out problems using multiplication and division. They will also be learning how to read, interpret and compare different pictograms, bar charts and time graphs, as well as constructing them, paying close attention to scale. They will finish by studying and securing multiplication facts focusing on the 7 and 9 times tables, exploring patterns and strategies to aid memory.

Spanish

The theme for Year 4 this half term is the 'Body'. Pupils will learn parts of the head and body in Spanish and use this language to describe monster pictures which they will create. The linguistic focus is gender, plurals and adjectives. Pupils will also take part in Spanish Christmas activities. An excellent website to practise this topic at home is www.languagehut.com or a good free app is ABC Español.

Religious Education

This half term, the Year 4 children will be learning about the birth of Jesus. We will look at what the Gospels of the New Testament tell us about Jesus' birth, and how this is celebrated around the world.

Science

Year 4 will be studying the topic Animals Including Humans where we will be investigating questions such as can we group animals by what they eat? Who eats what? We will also be learning about teeth and their uses as well as how our body digests food. We will finish off the topic by finding out about bacteria and if all bacteria is bad for us.

Computing

Our Computing topic this half term is Photo Editing. Pupils will develop their understanding of how digital

images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

Physical Education

Our PE topic this half term is Gymnastics focusing on using balance. We will be exploring how we can use different parts of our body to aid balance, moving with control and accuracy and creating and performing a sequence which combines balances and travelling movements.

Music

Christmas around the world Chapter 4 will study the musical traditions from the Caribbean. They will explore Calypsos and perform a wintertime celebratory Calypso with singing, steel pan melodies, glockenspiels and percussion ostinato accompaniment.

Humanities

In Geography, we will be learning about human population. We will discuss how populations fluctuate, how and why population distributions are uneven, and why people choose to migrate from rural to urban settings. We will also learn about the diversity of populations in places like London and Cardiff, and also spend some time learning about the language and culture of Wales. In History, we will be continuing in our studies on the Roman Empire. We will be looking at how Rome controlled their expanding empire using their powerful army, as well as focusing on Julius Caesar and Emperors Augustus, Claudius and Nero. We will finish by studying Pompeii and the Jewish Roman war.

DT

In DT this term, children will be designing and making their own night lights. They will research different night lights, and use LED lighting to construct one for themselves.

LC+

In LC+, we will be starting a range of new programs this half term. In 'Money and Me', the children will be learning about the importance of managing money and discussing ways that money can be used and saved. In 'Let's get fit', the children will be getting their weekly exercise in via some funky tunes, dance moves and HITT programmes!

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