



Autumn 1: Learning in Year



English

We will be reading our first novel: the Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman. We will produce our own stories based on the story. We will learn how to describe characters using powerful adjectives. Our second unit this half term is non-chronological reports. We will learn how to research and present information

Supporting your child with their learning

- Practise timetables with inverse calculations too
- Get your child to read every night – this really does help
- Provide a quiet space to complete homework and help where you can
- Maths related – help your child tell the time.

What we are reading this half term:

- Our class reader will be 'The boy who grew dragons'.
- Our English topic book is 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

Science

In Science, we will investigate electricity. We will learn the different components of electrical circuits, different types of appliances, how to make switches as well as what insulators and conductors are. Our scientist of the term will be Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb!

History / Geography

We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians; we'll explore the way they used to live and research people, buildings and religion. We will be using our geography skills to locate where they lived and how they used the River Nile.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin with place value and understanding number including addition and subtraction. We will also work on our understanding of shape and perimeter.

Computing

Year 4 will be learning about online safety, writing for different audiences and animations.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be exploring the style of Andy Warhol. We will begin to mix colours and explore tint, tone and shade.

P.E

This half term we will work on throwing a ball at a target through Dodgeball and practising throwing and catching in Rugby.

Educational / Enrichment Visits

We will visit The National Museum Liverpool to see The Ancient Egyptian exhibit.

PSHE

We will be learning about democracy in Britain. We will also discuss keeping ourselves safe by highlighting risks in everyday situations and discussing how we can manage them. We will also be discussing making positive choices in dangerous situations.

Music

We will be learning the song 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA. We will sing and perform the song, find the pulse and improve our rhythm and pitch. We will begin to play the recorder.

German

In German, we will be learning phrases about school. We will then think about our local area and learn German words for shops, signs, directions and more!

R.E

We will be starting R.E. this year by thinking about people. We will discuss the fact that Jesus had a human family too. We will then explore creation. We will discuss what God has created and how we can ensure it is cared for. We will remind ourselves of the promises that God made and also the promises that we have made too.