

Spring 1: Learning in Year 4



English

This half term we will start by focusing on Fiction, writing a Third Person Adventure Story. This will lead onto News Reports and Stories from other Cultures. Our reading session will focus on the story of Varjak Paw by SF Said. The book focuses on the adventures of Varjak Paw, a pampered pet cat. Having spent all his life in an old house, he is forced to venture beyond the garden wall to save his family from the mysterious gentleman and his two evil cats. Before leaving, his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. He then sets out into the world and learns to survive in a city full of gangland cats, dangerous dogs and mysterious vanishings.

History and Geography

In Spring 1, we will be continuing with our Geography topic of Longitude and Latitude. We will focus on how we can use them and how they affect time zones. We will then move on to our History topic of Vikings and Anglo Saxon struggle for England.

Art and DT

In DT this half term we will be looking at Mechanisms. In this block, pupils will investigate how hinges work. They will then select a range of modelling materials and tools to make their own hinged products, evaluating and modifying them throughout.

Music

We will be exploring "The Doot Doot song". The doot doot song has a summery and relaxed swing feel, reminiscent of Jack Johnson. It is based on a typical song structure and uses C major, A minor, and F major chords. During the unit, pupils learn to sing and play the song, develop technical skills on tuned percussion, learn about chords, 'doodle' (improvise) with their voices and experience playing in a class band.

Supporting your child with their learning

- Read at least three times a week- please sign your journal.
- Practise your times tables on TT Rockstars- log ins are in the front of the journals.
- Practise weekly spellings

What we are reading this half term:

Varjak Paw by SF Said



Maths

In Maths we will continue looking at multiplication and division. We will then focus on measurement- length and perimeter. By the end of the half term we will start our focus on fractions.

Educational / Enrichment Visits

Swimming every Tuesday

P.E

We will start our P.E. lessons on Monday afternoon. We will begin with our fundamental movement skills. We will then move onto learning a dance with new dance skills.

French

We will continue with looking at colours, numbers and emotions.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at states of matter. We will discover the difference between solids, liquids and gases. This will help us understand how materials change when they are melted, evaporated and condensed.

Computing

Long before moviemakers start building sets, filming scenes with actors, or editing footage for a movie, they work on its core the story. In this chapter, we will learn how to turn an idea into a complete story. We will explore storyboards by building a movie trailer in iMovie.

PSHE

Our unit this half term is: physical health and wellbeing:

- why people may eat or avoid certain foods (religious, moral, cultural or health reasons)
- about other factors that contribute to people's food choices (such as ethical farming, fair trade and seasonality)
- about the importance of getting enough sleep

We will also focus on No Outsiders: Everyone different, everyone welcome- To be proud of who you are.

R.E

In R.E. we will follow Jesus through his journey from Galilea to Jerusalem. We will start off learning about Jesus and His Miracles, Jesus with John the Baptist and Peter. This leads us onto the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. To finish of the half term we will be introduced to St Damien of Molokai.

The gospel value of the half term is: Honesty.