



Year 4 Curriculum Overview



A European Adventure

English

The children will be writing a story based on a plot structure from a focus text. The main text we will be working on will be Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift.

To be able to do this, the children will:

- collect effective words and phrases which will capture the reader's interest
- analyse and compare a range of plot structures
- plan and write an opening paragraph which introduces the setting and some of the characters
- Create and use sentences with fronted adverbials for 'where'

Alongside this, the children will be improving the accuracy of their punctuation including commas after fronted adverbials.

Physical Education

Target Games– Dodgeball:

The children will improve their throwing using a one-handed pass.

OAA – teamwork and problem solving.

French

In **French** the children will be learning the names of different body parts and revising their colours and days of the week.

Music

Wider Ops music lessons

The children will have a weekly music lesson provided by the Lancashire music service.

Science, Geography, History, Art, D&T and Computing

- **Science:** Living things and their habitats will be the focus for this half term. The children will learn about how living things can be grouped in different ways. They will use classification keys to identify things in the local environment. The children will also make their own identification keys. We will look at how the environment changes all the way through the year.
- **Geography:** The children will learn about Europe with a focus on Spain. They will use different maps and learn about the scale of maps. When looking at different locations, they will describe both similarities and differences using appropriate geographical vocabulary.
- **Computing:** The children will be looking at the internet. They will learn how the World Wide Web is part of the internet. They will explore the World Wide Web and evaluate online content for reliability and accuracy.
- **Art:** Collage will be the focus of our work this half term. In their work, the children will practise different collage techniques such as tearing, overlapping and layering. The artist in focus will be Kurt Schwitters.

Mathematics

- The children will focus on **place value, addition and subtraction, length and perimeter and statistics.** They will:
- Count in a range of steps both forwards and backwards
- Partition a four-digit number into thousands, hundreds, tens and one.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100
- Order and compare numbers up to 10000
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Use written methods effectively when adding and subtracting four-digit numbers
- Solve two-step addition and subtraction problems.
- Measure and calculate perimeter of rectilinear shapes.
- Present data in bar charts and pictograms.

RE & P.S.H.E

In **RE** the children will be considering the key question, 'How should we live our lives?' whilst learning about Hindu Dharma. They will look at the festival of Diwali.

In **PSHE** the children will be thinking about their strengths, skills and interests.

Homework

- **Reading:** The children should be reading **every** night and discussing their reading with an adult.
- **Spellings:** Assignments will be posted on spelling shed every Monday and spellings will be tested the following week.
- **Times tables:** Tested every Thursday.