

YEAR GROUP: Year 4

DATE: February / March 2024

TIME ALLOCATION: 6 weeks

TEACHER: Mr Grundy



English
In English, we are focusing on persuasive letters. We will begin by discovering who William Shakespeare is, and we will be reading the story 'Anthony and Cleopatra'. Along side acting, hot seating and recapping prior knowledge, we will be learning about the language features used in persuasive letters. Year 4 will then plan, write, edit and publish a persuasive letter from Cleopatra to Anthony.

Maths
In maths, we will begin the term by learning about fractions. We will discover mixed fractions and improper fractions, and we will be learning about equivalent fractions. We will then link this learning to decimals and build on our knowledge of multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

Science
This half term, children will be participating in science and engineering week. Children will complete science lessons everyday throughout this week taking part in a whole school investigation.



WHY?
We will be learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and looking at whether anyone lives in Antarctica.

WOW:
We will be planning our own expedition around school using 6-digit coordinates and plotting points on a map.

OUTCOME:
Understand how maps aid navigation and understand the constant changes of the landscape of Antarctica.

Computing
This half term, Year 4 will be learning about data logging. We will consider why data is logged over time and how computers can use input devices called sensors to monitor the environment. Year 4 will be using data loggers to automatically collect data and will be analysing the data as well.

Religious Education
In RE, we will be learning about why Christians call the day on which Jesus died 'Good Friday'. We will start by recalling what happens during Holy Week, and explore how Christians celebrate Easter.

Geography
In Geography, we will be learning about the continent of Antarctica. We will start by learning about the location and climate of Antarctica and use this knowledge to understand the plant and animal diversity in Antarctica. We will then focus on Shackleton and learn about his expeditions.

History
Geography topic taught this half term. No History focus.

D&T
In D&T, we will be making a 'mindful moments' timer. We will be exploring how we can make products that are appealing, have a specific purpose and have a target audience. Using our coding skills, we will be programming a micro:bit to create a count down timer.

French
This term, we will be learning how to describe the weather in French, and learning how to say compass points in French. We will continue our learning of numbers and combine this knowledge to make statements about what the temperature is in different parts of France.

Music
In music, we will be exploring samba, carnival sounds and instruments. We will be learning about its origins and experimenting with syncopation and rhythmic breaks.

Physical Education
In PE, we will be learning net/wall games. We will be learning how to strike a ball with accuracy and control, and we will be learning how to strike a ball or shuttlecock over a range of high and low barriers with varying speed and direction.

- SMSC**
- Have respect for the beliefs and values of others.
 - Work well with others and deal with conflict maturely.
 - Use of imagination and creativity in their learning.
 - Recognise the difference between right and wrong.
 - Offer reasoned views about moral and ethical issues.
 - Understand and appreciate the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage.

- BRITISH VALUES**
- Democracy
 - The rule of law
 - Individual liberty
 - Mutual respect
 - Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

- TOPIC HOMEWORK**
- Spellings
 - Times tables
 - Reading
 - Homework Sheet

ASSESSMENT
Children will be assessed in all areas of the curriculum, focusing on key skills taken from across the curriculum.