

English

Our English lessons will continue with the Talk 4 Writing structure this year. This is where we learn to say a text before we write our own. Our first text type will be a 'wishing tale'. The class will have the chance to explore what they would wish for if they could! We will consider writing techniques like suspense building and how to use dialogue as well as simply improving our handwriting too.

We will then move on to some non-fiction work—covering journalistic writing such as



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Reading

During our daily reading sessions we will dive into texts as well as using pictures and videos to develop our inference skills.

We will spend lots of time simply enjoying books—starting with Dick King Smith's 'The Queen's Nose'.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Across Lower Key Stage 2, we will work on spellings in class—this might be different to what your child is used to. Spelling lists for the term will be available the class teacher, but there won't be a weekly test where spell-

Our Value

Our values curriculum is very important to us in school. During this half term our value focus

Maths

Our maths lessons this year will have a variety of opportunities to explore and build on our understanding in all areas, with challenge and support always available. We will begin the year by building up a sound understanding of the basics of number and place value before moving on to some addition and subtraction calculation work.

We will cover areas such as Roman Numerals, rounding to the nearest 10,100 and 1000 as well as solving problems. Have a look at our [calcu](#)

R.E.

Through the diocesan education programme—Come and See, we will explore many different topics during our RE session. The first half term will see us looking at the topic of 'People'. We will discuss Jesus' family during this

Geography

Throughout the year we will alternate between History and Geography topics. Our first Geography topic is a UK study where we will look at both the physical and human geography. We will pay close attention to our coastlines, as we are lucky to be so near to many beautiful beaches.

Art/DT

During this term we will be considering 'Lines and Marks'. Through using a variety of tools and techniques, we will make a range of effective art pieces. We will compare the impacts of pencils, chalks, charcoals and paints and evaluate their effectiveness. There will also be lots of creative opportunities across the curricu-

Music

Year 4 are lucky enough to be visited by Mr Milner senior each week who will teach them

Homework

In Year 4 each Monday there will be a 'Homework Menu'. This will consist of a number of choices that your child can complete. The homework is due back the following Monday. Hopefully this is a way to make homework exciting and engaging.

PE

During our indoor sessions we will cover a gymnastics topic exploring different ways of moving and travelling. Outside we will explore a number of ball games including basketball.



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Educational Visits

Please look out for ParentMails / letters about any trips or visits.

SEAL

SEAL stands for social and emotional aspects of learning—these sessions will first focus on the theme of Health and Wellbeing.

Computing

Over the year, the class will have lots of opportunities to explore a variety of computer programs, websites and apps to play, build, record, produce and create. This term the class will use 'Scratch' to create Maze games. They will design a character and a setting and use coding to create instructions for the character. This topic will test our problem solving skills as we try to de-bug any errors.

French

In French we will start with the topic 'Je me presente'. We will gain a basic grasp across a range of French topics and be able to say short French sentences about ourselves and the things around us.

Science

Across the year we will look at Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics as well a looking at the science all around us—with lots of opportunities to experiment.

Our first science topic—which will be taught by Mrs Gibbins is titled—Animals Including Humans. In this topic the class will look at the foods animals eat and what nutrition they get from this. We will look at which animals have skeletons and compare them to those without.