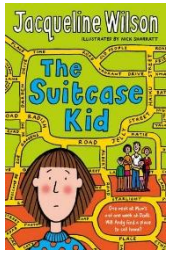
Year 4 Half Termly Curriculum Overview – Autumn 1

Guided Reading

We will be using the text, 'The Suitcase Kid' during our guided reading sessions this half term!



How you can help:

Please read with your child at home everyday.

This might be them reading their reading book to you, you reading a more complex text to them, or simply encouraging them to read as opportunities arise in everyday life.

Maths

We will first revisit Place Value, working with numbers up to 10,000, moving on to using this knowledge in addition and subtraction problems.

Finally, we will then move on to Multiplication and Division.

How you can help: Daily practise of times tables using TTRockstars or through oral rehearsal. Practising mental maths strategies as much as possible at home. There are many online resources that could help with this skill, outlined below.

Mathsframe.co.uk

Coolmathgames.co.uk

BBC Bitesize

English

This half term, our English work is also based on 'The Suitcase Kid'. We will identify the main features of a diary and then we will write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character of the story, recounting the events of her parents' separation. Following this, we will write a story inspired by the book's plot. In our writing, we will be including fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and inverted commas.

History

Our focus this half term is 'Rampaging Romans'. As part of this unit of work, we will gain an understanding of what is meant by the Roman Empire and what is unique about the Roman Army. We will learn about Gods and Goddesses in Roman religious belief, how Queen Boudicca challenged the Romans during the occupation of Britain and what life was like in Roman Britain. Finally, reflecting upon how Romans have influenced our lives today.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will identify their similarities and differences and look at how they can change state. As part of this, we will be practising some key scientific skills through simple practical enquiry and accurate measurements which will be recorded onto a graph.

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MFL

We will be continuing to develop our French language skills. This half term, children's learning will be based on phonics and the seasons.

RE

What is the Trinity?

By the end of this unit, the children will be able to identify the difference between a 'gospel', which tells the story of Jesus' life and teaching of Jesus, a letter. They will also be able to describe how Christians show their beliefs about the Trinity in Worship.

Key dates & Information

Parent Session- Maths

Wednesday 14th October 9am-10am

Trip to the Gurdwara
TBC

Half Term

Monday 26th – 30th

PE

Swimming
Children need their swimming kits in school each Thursday.

Hockey
Children can come to school in their PE kits on Fridays.

Art

We will be learning about the work of interior designers, William Morris and Kath Kidson, through explorations of their work and the techniques that they used.

Spelling Focus

Week 1— Statutory Spellings
Week 2— Words with the letter string 'ure'
Week 3— Statutory Spellings
Week 4— Homophones
Week 5— Homophones
Week 6 — Statutory Spellings
Week 7— Statutory Spellings

PSHE

This half term we will be learning all about:

Me and My Relationships

This will include learning about:

· How we feel and how this can affect our physical state
· Positive and healthy relationships
· Strategies to respond to bullying