

Spring Term Overview Year 4



English

During the first half of our Spring Term, we will be looking at *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Stanton-Todd and using it to inspire our own myth narrative.

After the half term we will be studying *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy and creating our own twisted narrative and a persuasive I

Maths

We will begin the term by focusing on written methods for multiplication and division. We then move on to learn about fractions and decimals. We will also spend some time studying length and perimeter. There will be lots of times table practice so that we can learn our facts by heart.

Science

During the term, we will be learning all about states of matter. We will explore different materials and how their state can be changed. We will also look at the water cycle and the state changes that occur within it. There will be lots of activities for fun, practical activities where we can be super scientists!

Reading

As well as reading our class novel, *Julius Zebra*, we will be taking part in Whole Class Reading sessions where we will be developing our skills such as prediction, summarising, retrieval and inference through texts including the *Great Chocoplot*, *How to Train your Dragon* and *Beowulf*.

Art / DT

In Art we will be carrying out a local artist study looking at the works of Jessica Arrowsmith Stanley. We will explore stick and ink drawing and stencil making. By the end of the project, we will have produced our own piece of print work in the style of Jessica Arrowsmith Stanley (also known as Jazz Stan). After half term we will be studying food technology, focusing on healthy and varied diet. We will be looking at different wraps and various fillings, then we will be using cross sectional drawing skills to design our own product.



Geography/ History

In History we will be examining the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will look at how the Roman Empire grew and the changes it brought about for people living in the Britain at the time.

After half term in Geography, we will learn about how trade is essential in the 21st century and how trade influences our daily lives.

PSHE

This term we will be: recognising respectful behaviour; the importance of self-respect; courtesy and being polite; understanding how to resolve conflict and where to get help and what makes a family.

French / Music

This term in French we will be looking at the unit En Classe. Children will learn the names of common classroom items and will know how to respond to simple classroom commands.

In Music we will be conducting Samba unit where we will be learning how to play the samba drums.

RE

In RE this term, we will be continuing our learning of Buddhism, looking at the Noble 8-Fold Path whilst focusing our learning on the enquiry question 'Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?' After half term, we will be studying Christianity where we will study Easter to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.

Computing

This term we will be using our computer suite to become familiar with the workings of a desktop computer. We will be developing our coding skills, focusing on loops and repetition and using Scratch Junior to program simple games. We will develop our understanding of online safety throughout our units.

PE

In the Spring half term, we will be swimming **every Tuesday** practising a range of swimming strokes to develop confidence and stamina. We will also be learning about the importance of water safety.

We will also be participating in a fitness unit **every Friday** where we will be completing a range of circuit training to improve our health and fitness.