

Literacy

This half term we will be reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This is a story about a robot named Roz who is accidentally activated, having been washed up on an abandoned remote island. There are plentiful opportunities to respond to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork. We will be writing in role to develop empathy for the characters as well as writing diary entries, non-chronological reports, newspaper articles, short narratives and poems.



PHSE

As part of our 'rights and responsibilities' topic, the children will be learning about different ways of helping others and the environment, explore how the media might influence people's views and understand decisions about money and the impact of this.

Music

This half term our musical focus will be structure. The children will make instruments, perform verse and chorus structure, interpret notation and improvising.

Computing

The children will learn how animations are created by hand and find out how 2D animations can be created in a similar way using technology. They will use this understanding to create their own stop motion animations.

Modern Foreign Languages

In our 'les instruments' topic, the children will learn 10 familiar instruments and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I play' in the foreign language.

Religious Education

Year 4 will begin the year considering the several different communities which we each one of us belong to and what helps these to function well. We will then explore the life of our local Christian community and parishes. We will spend time reflecting on the advice given in various scripture passages about how to be loving members of this community.

A River Runs Through It Year 4 (Spring 1)



Miss Dench (St. Catherine) & Mr Cameron (St. Martin)
Teaching assistants - Mrs Stewart & Mrs Britto
1:1's – Mr Brady & Mrs Mbala

Science

Our science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats and we will be learning how to recognise the variety of ways living things can be grouped, sorted and classified. The children will be able to explain how environmental changes can impact living things and identify why certain species have become endangered.

Geography

We will be learning about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world. This will include a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. We will be following the water cycle's course from peak to valley to gain a greater understanding of our world.

Mathematics

As we continue with our Multiplication and Division topic, the children will use their times tables knowledge to learn both formal and informal methods for multiplication. They will learn how to multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.



PE/Games

During outdoor PE, the children will learn how to use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition in hockey by maintaining possession and moving the ball towards the goal. During their indoor gymnastics' session, they will develop rolling jumping and inverted movements and use these skills to create more complex sequences.

Art and Design

We will be learning about French artist Georges Seurat who often made oil sketches at the riverside to get an idea of how the light would affect his subjects. He created a new painting technique called Pointillism which he used to create a number of masterpieces. We will learn about this very unique technique and have a go create our own riverside images inspired by Seurat.

Homework

Monday – English (due Thursday)
Wednesday – spellings (due Wednesday)
Friday – Maths (due Monday)
Please make sure your child reads daily at home and brings their signed reading record to school each day.