

Literacy

This half term we will be reading *The King Who Banned The Dark* by Emily Haworth-Booth. A young prince, fearing the dark, becomes king and bans it. Citizens resist, revealing the value of darkness and sparking change through understanding and empathy. Engaging with illustrations the children will have many opportunities to work on the following, letter writing, concept maps, journalistic writing, note taking, free verse poetry, balanced argument in a written letter, formal speech.

PHSE

This PSHE topic focuses on "Being my Best". The children will work through inventive and engaging activities to understand that makes them, them. How the choices we make help to shape us and make us unique to others. Understand how our differences enrich our school community and how we belong in our school community.

Music

This half term develops pupils' singing skills, emphasizing accurate pitch and clear pronunciation. Pupils explore rhythmic concepts of time and beat through listening to different musical pieces.

Computing

This unit introduces hardware components and their functions, and develops digital creativity as pupils explore music-making software, creating simple compositions while building confidence with computing.

Modern Foreign Languages

Pupils will explore En classe topic, they will learn French vocabulary related to classroom objects, instructions, and routines. They practice speaking, listening, and simple sentences to communicate effectively in classroom settings.

Religious Education

This unit explores how the good news of Jesus brings new life, focusing on the Easter message and the power of the Holy Spirit. Pupils will learn about Saul's conversion and how baptism begins a Christian's new life. They'll develop skills to understand, celebrate, and apply these beliefs, recognising how Christians are called to live with hope, love, and purpose. The unit encourages reflection on transformation, community, and how faith inspires service and compassion.

Mathematics

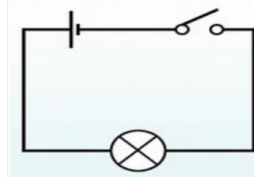
Key learning points this half term include understanding of decimals, money, and time. Pupils will recognise and use decimal notation in practical contexts, including converting between units of time and solving problems involving money. They will develop fluency in calculating with decimals, applying reasoning and problem-solving skills in real-life situations.



PE/Games

In PE, children will develop fundamental skills in tennis, including racket handling, aiming, and rallying. In gymnastics, they will explore balance, coordination, and body control through a variety of movements and routines. Both topics promote physical fitness, teamwork, and confidence in applying skills creatively and effectively.

Bulbs, buzzers & batteries Year 4 (Summer 1)



Miss McNicholas (St. Catherine) & Mr Cameron (St. Martin)
Teaching assistants - Mrs Stewart & Mrs Zajac

Science

Over the course of the summer term, pupils will investigate electricity. They will learn to identify and understand electrical components such as batteries, bulbs, switches, and wires. They will explore how electricity flows through circuits, distinguish between conductors and insulators, construct and modify simple circuits, investigate everyday electrical appliances and learn important electrical safety rules.

Art and Design

We will be looking and exploring electrifying typography, where pupils experiment with dynamic letterforms inspired by light and energy. They also create soft pastel lightning drawings, developing skills in blending and texture. Through these projects, pupils enhance creativity, understand visual impact, and learn to express energy through art techniques.

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.