



English

Sounds Spooky

The children will be introduced to the idea of an audio story or podcast. They listen to a spooky story podcast in three episodes, asking questions and listening out for sound effects to develop their listening and comprehension skills. Pupils will build on this experience to plan and write their own three-episode spooky story podcasts in groups. The podcasts are then recorded or performed so that they can be shared more widely.

Christophe's Story

The children start by listening to *Christophe's Story*, responding to questions that stretch their comprehension and questioning skills. They look at the author's use of language: her choice of memorable words and phrases.. Children use a letter as a model to write their own, applying their ability to write multi-clause sentences. In the main writing task, children write their own stories, drawing on their own personal experiences and a shared model text.

Maths

This half term we will be developing our skills in the following mathematical areas;

- Written addition and subtraction - tackling harder problems.
- Written multiplication and division.
- Problem solving and reasoning.
- Measurement - reading scales.
- Statistics - collecting and interpreting data.



Science

We will continue with our study of Sound and then move onto and Living Things and their Habitats.

Living things and their habitat:

Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things. Look at how changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things.

R.E

People of God:

We will be looking at the story of Noah and how we live in school and the wider world.

Art

'Take one picture' National Gallery Project.

This involves focusing on one painting from the National Gallery and responding creatively to its themes and subject matter, historical context, or composition.

Topic

We will continue our study of the Anglo - Saxons, where they settled, how they lived, worked and worshiped. We will also look at Viking invasions and know what Viking Warriors were like.

Computing

Presentation Skills:

This unit develops children's use of presentation software.

Music-

Glockenspiel Stage 2.

This is a six-week Unit of Work that continues to teach about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.

PHSE

Health and wellbeing

Safety first.

Useful information:



Reading at home:

- Please listen to your child read **every night**; this should be recorded in their planners on the reading record pages.
- Pupils will be allocated a 'BugClub' reading book or another appropriate reading book by their English teacher and it is important that this is brought to school every day.
- Of course all reading is important and valuable and children should be encouraged to read widely for pleasure as much as possible.



P.E.

Athletics activities
Running, jumping, throwing, sprinting, jogging, striding.
Developing a range of techniques to improve their performance.

Technology

Design and make fair trade biscuits with a Christmas theme.

Homework

- Pupils receive weekly homework tasks in English or Maths.
- They should also be practising spellings and times tables.
- Average homework should take around 30 minutes.



Times Tables

Remember to practise your times tables at home as well as reading. Children should be able to recall all facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4 and pupils will also be tested on this.

Attendance

Let's see how many weeks of 100% attendance we can get this half term!

Come on, Year 4!



Key Dates:

14/11/19 -life Path Workshop

15/11/19 - Children in Need

3/12/19 - Anglo Saxon and Viking Day

17/12/2019 - KS2 Christmas Service 9am

17/12/19 - Christmas Pantomime

18/12/19 - Christmas Lunch

19/12/19 - LKS2 Party

Useful Websites

- Active learn
- Letter join
- My Maths
- Numeracy workout



Year 4 continue to work hard and impress us in all lessons. We have had a busy 1st half term and we look forward to this one as we run up to Christmas.

Thank you again for supporting your child with homework, timetables practise and reading.

