



# Year 4: Spring 2

## English

### Fiction Unit 4.2 The Spiderwick Chronicles

In this unit, the children explore fantasy fiction. They read the interactive eBook, asking questions and developing understanding of inference. They develop editing and proof-reading skills. They plan, edit and write a new episode of the fantasy story they have studied.

### Class Readers

Rowan Class: Charlotte's Web

Beech Class: Wreck of the Zanzibar

Topic based writing.

Children will complete some extended writing on their topic of rainforests

## Maths



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

Place value, ordering and rounding decimals.

Dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers to give a decimal number and multiplying decimals to give a 2 and 3 digit answers. Addition and subtraction of decimals, including money.

24hour time, conversion between am and pm and calculating time intervals.

Perimeter and calculating from one unit to another.

## Science

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

In RE we will be studying Easter and exploring the question; Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?

## Art

### Rainforests and Brazil.

This half term we will be making Brazilian head dresses, jewellery and masks.

## Topic (Geography)

This half term we will continue our study of the rainforests, with a focus on Brazil where most of the worlds rainforests lie.

## Computing

We are meteorologists.

Pupils will learn how to use PowerPoint in order to make a weather presentation about the UK.

## Music-

This half term pupils will be introduced to the recorder, how to care for their musical instrument and learn different musical rhythms depending on their abilities.

## PHSE

What are human rights?

United nations and human rights – including the rights of the child.

# 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.

This half term pupils will be learning the rules of football and playing. They will also be practicing sequence work to build gymnastic skills.

## Technology

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## 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:

Year 4 Charity week begins 11<sup>th</sup> May - we will be supporting British Heart Foundation and Children's Cancer Research North East

KS2 Easter Service at St Marys April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm

## Useful Websites

- Active learn
- Letter join
- My Maths
- Numeracy workout
- Times tables rock stars



Year 4 continue to work hard and impress us in all lessons. We have had a busy start to our spring term and we look forward to seeing each individual pupil continue to shine.

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