

This is an overview of the learning that will be taking place in Year 3/4 this half term.

English

This half term in English, we are reading the Firework Maker's daughter by Phillip Pullman. Our first unit will be to write the a character's perspective in role of the main character Lila. We will be learning about conjunctions and fronted adverbials. We will include these in our writing. We will then write an advertisement. In this unit, we will focus on emotive language and direct speech.

Maths

This term we are focusing on decimals, looking at finding tenths and hundredths. We are looking at the role of the decimal point, consolidating our understanding of place value. We will then move onto telling the time on both a digital and analogue clock to the nearest minute. We will apply this knowledge to work out the duration of periods of time. As always, our focus will be to continue to work on learning our times tables.

Science

In Science, our new unit is electricity. We will be looking at making electrical circuits and thinking about what is needed to complete a circuit. We will think about materials that conduct electricity and how we can use these in our circuits.

History

Our unit this term is 'Benin', an ancient city in Africa. We will be looking at what it was like to live there using secondary sources, as well as examining artefacts to make deductions about everyday life. As part of our learning, we will look at the impact European settlers had and the changes that took place as a result.

Design Technology

Our focus this term will be making a seasonal meal. We will be looking at the different ingredients we can use to make a healthy balanced meal.

Computing

We will continue our work on programming and debugging. We will use our knowledge of Scratch to develop our own set of algorithms. We will explain what selection is and why it's used in programs and then write our own Scratch program using selection.

PE

Our focus this half term is looking at agility - thinking about our reaction and response times. As part of our floor work we will be concentrating on our static balance.

Music

This half term, we will be continuing our work with BYMT. Our focus will be the Wak-a-Tubes



PSHE

This half term we will be focussing on relationships. As part of this unit, we will identify the roles and responsibilities each member of our family has as well as thinking about how other people's action can affect the choices I make.

RE

Building on from our previous unit on Buddhism, the children will be focussing on the question 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?' We will continue to look at the Buddha's teaching on how we can lead a good life, looking at the Eightfold path and its teachings. We will look at how the Buddha's teachings shows Buddhists how to live their lives.

Spanish

Our new unit is 'Me presento' - presenting myself. We will revise the basic greetings as well as learning to ask and respond to the question how are you? We will then think about how we can ask and answer the question 'what is your name?'. Finally, moving on to asking how old we are before creating a conversation, putting all this into action.

