



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 2B.

### English:

Reading: We will be having four reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading the text and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a twisted narrative for our fiction writing and a persuasive letter for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the following rules: ay spelt eigh, ei, ey; words ending in -ous and words with s sound spelt sc.

### Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on fractions (number), as well as further developing our recall of the multiplication tables.

### Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Sound. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
- find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

### Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Easter: A story of betrayal or trust? The children will learn that:

- Trust and forgiveness are key Christian values.
- Christians believe that they can trust Jesus.
- The events of Holy Week and Easter are key to understanding what Jesus came to Earth to do and that the incidents of betrayal and trust within the story are significant to its conclusion.

### History:

Our History topic this half term is Christianity in 3 empires.

Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. To the lions! Christians in the Roman Empire.
2. Emperor Constantine makes big changes.
3. The Byzantine Empire carries on.
4. An African empire: Aksum.
5. A high and holy place.
6. How Aksum became a Christian state.

### Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Tourism. Over this

topic we will be studying the following:

1. Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!
2. Types of tourism.
3. Mountain adventure.
4. Changing tourism.
5. Summer in the sun.
6. Sustainable tourism.

### Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be using the Y4 Circuit Training unit which will allow your class to focus on different types of exercise, participating in a range of activities that focus on the upper body, lower body and core muscles. Children will learn about aerobic and anaerobic exercise and will be asked to continually consider the benefits gained through participating in these. The skills are taught in an engaging and motivational manner, with children initially completing four focused mini circuits before taking part in two full circuits. They will be encouraged to keep score to get a personal baseline for each exercise and to set individualised targets to reach a goal. Our PE day this half term will be a Monday.

### Music:

In Music this half term we will be using the website Charanga to follow the topic of "Lean on Me."

The key vocabulary for this topic is Unison, by ear, notation, improvise, melody, pitch, rhythm, pulse, composition, backing vocal, piano, bass, drums, organ, pulse, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo.

In this topic the children will take an integrated approach to music where games, the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

### Art

This half term we will be using Kapow to complete the topic "Painting and Mixed Media: Light and Dark." In this topic, the children will be developing skills in colour mixing, focusing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. Experimenting with composition and applying painting techniques to a personal still life piece.

### Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Exploring Simulations. The children will learn how to create, modify and present information for a particular purpose and will understand how variables in a simulation can be altered.

### PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Healthy Me. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

My friends and me

Group Dynamics

Smoking

Alcohol

Healthy Friendships

Celebrating my inner strength and assertiveness

### Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

1/3/2024 - Safer Internet Day

7/3/2024 - World Book Day

15/3/2024 - Comic Relief

18/3/2024 - Neurodiversity Day

19/3/2024 - SMA Science Day

26/3/2024 - Easter Bonnet Parade

### Church visits:

This half term, we will be visiting St Margaret's Church for the Year 4 Easter service on:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. We would love to see as many parents there as possible to see how much hard-work the children have put into their performance.