

YEAR GROUP: Year 4

DATE: 07th September 2017

TIME ALLOCATION: 1 Term

TEACHERS: Mr Dakin

English

This term, we will learn to write in a range of styles, including: a 'Quest' story; a non-chronological report about India; a losing tale based on the story 'Rama and Sita'; a newspaper report about heroes and a week's work on the Christmas story. Our focus this term will be on editing and improving our writing, particularly our spelling and grammar. Your children will be looking at how to write fronted adverbials as well as accurately using a coordinating and subordinate clause.

Maths

In our maths this term we will be developing our accuracy and consistency with the skills we learnt in year 3. While we will be making the problem solving element of the curriculum more complicated, we will be supporting the children with a broad range of resources and techniques to support. We start the term with place value to 1000 and develop this into negative numbers, ordering and estimating. Every week we will compile an assessment of the core operations.

Science

Our science module this term will focus on the area of sound. We will start with the knowledge and experiences gained from @Bristol where we were lucky enough to do experiments, manipulate and play with sound. We will look at how sound is made, how it moves from a source to the ear and what the change in volume and pitch looks like when looking at sound waves.

MFL

We are excited to start our half term learning French. We will be looking at 'Where we live.' The focus will be to describe the world around us. We will also be extending our key vocabulary.

India



The Christian Value for this term is:
Endurance

Children will develop their understanding of the history, geography and culture of India. Within this topic, children will learn how a variety of cultures have amalgamated in India and the children will learn to draw comparisons with how our modern day society has been able to do the same.

Computing:

In our research about India, we will learn to use the Internet safely and effectively to retrieve information and pictures. We will learn about and use a range of programmes to record the information. In addition to this, we will begin to use a programme called 'Scratch' to learn about coding.

Religious Education

We are linking our topic with RE this term. Hinduism is the primary religion in India and it is important that children in our school understand and respect the cultures and beliefs of other nations. Key principles include: the concept of one God, origins of Hinduism, Karma, temples, and Hindu holy books. As Christmas draws near we will also look at the incarnation of Christ.

History and Geography:

In history we will be looking at changes in living memory. Starting with the first week's theme of 'The Flying Scotsman' and developing throughout the year to the UK's history with India. We will look at how India influences our culture today and then link this with RE.. Geography will be our primary focus for the first half term. We will be looking at the topography and location of India within the whole world sphere. We will be comparing and contrasting India's size, population and landscape.

Art and Design & DT

We have a packed term for art and design. We will be making Indian flags using a range of resources and materials. Using our topic theme we will also be making Rangoli Diwa's and looking at the repeating patterns within Indian culture. We will also be taking part in a DT week focussing on Diwali. The children will be making Indian food, and using skills of joining and reinforcing.

Music

This term we will be looking at music performance and composition. Children will learn to play basic notes and songs. They will develop their skills in reading notation and music as well as key skills of rhythm, pitch and tone.

Physical Education

This term we will be doing multi-skills, which, through a variety of games, will develop the children's spatial awareness. We will also be learning a range of competitive ball games to improve the children's hand-eye coordination.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

As a school we will be looking at the important value of endurance: the ability to persevere when things get tough. We will also be looking at hope in collective worship. Why is hope important and how does it link to our aspirations for the future. 'People with aspirations become the inspirations.'

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We started the year with the Flying Scotsman trip which was a real treat. This term, we will be combining with year 4 to experience Indian food. Further details of this will be sent out soon.

WELL BEING

We will be starting a new scheme of work called 'Jigsaw', exploring the topics of 'Being in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'. This work will promote the 'Growth Mindset' approach.

Growth Mindset

As a whole school we will be developing a 'Growth mindset' approach.

We will be using the 'power of yet' to encourage persistence and resilience throughout learning challenges.

We will also be celebrating 'marvellous mistakes' to help us learn that mistakes are an important part of learning.