

YEAR GROUP: Year 4

DATE: 10th September 2018

TIME ALLOCATION: 1 Term

TEACHERS: Mr Dakin

English: This term we will be looking at the story George and the Dragon. We will have wow moments based around a dragon stalking and terrorising the school. We will explore the text and its key grammatical features of fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses. Our Talk 4 Writing program will give children an opportunity to immerse themselves in the text allowing them to experience and learn the skills required of them from the year 4 curriculum. Every lesson will set differentiated challenges for the children to complete. Can you write a story from the dragon's point of view? Can you write an alternative ending to the story? Can you write the sequel to the story?

Maths: The primary focus of this term is to embed the key skills at a year 4 level. We will start with place value and ensure all children have a clear understanding of the value of a number from thousands down to hundredths. We will then look at using formal methods to solve more complex addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division problems. In all of these lessons we will challenge children with word and number based problem solving.

Science: Our science theme this term is 'States of Matter.' We will investigate the way particles (arranged as solids, liquids and gases) react when exposed to heat and cold. We will learn key scientific vocabulary such as evaporation, condensation, freezing, and melting. We aim to experience these changes in a tactile and exciting way, while maintaining a safe environment.

MFL: This term the children will be developing their conversational skills. They will learn basic French vocabulary and will start to use these in simple sentences.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our school motto is, 'God's love leads us to respect each other, show endurance and be a friend to the world.' We are starting the year with the theme of respect. What does it look like to respect one another and what does the bible say about respecting others?

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

This term we are looking to experience the interests of the Normans. We will invite the North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre to experience falconry first hand.

WELL BEING

This term we are looking at the Jigsaw theme of, 'Being me in my world.' This will focus on how the children engage as part of a class team, a school citizen, and their rights and responsibilities in the school.

Growth Mind-set

Growth mind-set has now been successfully embedded in our school. The children know and enjoy using 'The power of yet' and discussing 'movers and blockers' in their learning. We will continue to look at Growth mind-set and building resilience in our learning. We will be creating a selection of mind-set quotes.

CASTLES



The Christian Value for this term is:
Respect

WHY?

After the Norman victory in the Battle of Hastings, our country experienced a change in culture, religion and technology, that rivalled the arrival of the Romans. This turmoil gives us an opportunity to study, experience and explore a fascinating time in our history.

Computing: The school, in association with the BLSA, has purchased iPads. Having this amazing resource will further how we deliver the computing curriculum. Your children will be using them weekly to programme and code using applications such as A.L.E.X and Fix the Factory. In addition, we will use the iPads to further our cross-curricular work by researching science and topic themes.

Religious Education: This term we will be studying Hinduism in RE. We will look at how Hindus see God as one whole made up of a multitude of parts. We will look at how our soul relates to Brahman and explain the Hindu belief in the afterlife. Through this module we will compare Hindu and Christian faiths, and look at the ancient stories explaining Hinduism.

History and Geography: The period of time after 1066 saw a huge development in technology and national change. In History this term we will look at key castles around the country, studying how and why they were built. We will also look at the physical geography surrounding castles and evaluate why they may have been constructed in these regions. We will also look at our local area, including Taunton Castle, and discuss the human impact of settlements in the area.

Art and Design & DT: During the Norman conquest of England, one of the key ways of telling a story was in the use of tapestries. The most famous example is the Bayeux Tapestry and in class we will be creating basic replicas using weaving, sewing and stitching skills. The children will look at how pattern and colour enhance their tapestry.

Music: What would motivate you in battle? An inspiring speech, the sight of an invading army or perhaps the roll and beat of martial drums call you to battle? We will be looking at how drum beat and rhythm can instil urgency, pace and excitement.

Physical Education: This year we are pleased to welcome coaches from Premier Sport to deliver our PE lessons. We are ensuring that all children get the highest quality PE instruction and already the children are enjoying and benefiting from their experiences. This term skills will be focussed around gymnastics, dance and core skills.