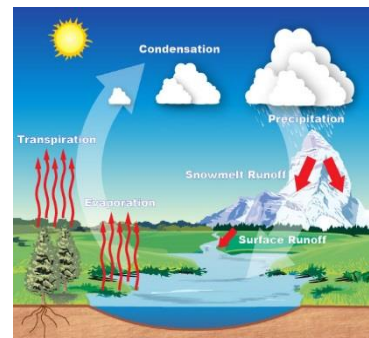




Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

Summer 1:

'Water, Water,
Everywhere!'



English

Reading

Aim - To further develop the children's reading strategies and foster a love of independent reading.

For reading this half term, the children will still be working on their comprehension strategies to enable them to understand and summarise texts. This will involve developing an expanding range of vocabulary, as well as selecting and retrieving pertinent information directly from a written text. We will also be enjoying our morning class readers from a variety of genres.

At home, we would like the children to read regularly from a wide range of authors and genres.

Writing

Aim - To use writing conventions of letters, narratives and play scripts to explore multi-cultural writing and themes.

We are starting this half term by using the book 'Tar Beach' to inspire our writing. The children will learn about segregation in 1930s America and what impact this had on people living during that period. We will talk about the positive outcomes of this event in history and use the themes within discussions. Year 4 will explore all they have learnt when writing the narrative into play scenes using the conventions of a play script. They will then look at 'River Stories' which links to our overall theme. The children will use this information to write a non-chronological report.

At home, you can discuss any issues children raise from the themes explored in Tar Beach and share some play script reading as part of their reading activities.

Maths

Aim - To use our knowledge of decimals to aid our understanding of money.

Maths this half term concludes the decimals unit before starting our measurement unit of work. Children will apply their knowledge of decimals during the money sessions. They will explore how to apply this learning to real life situations, such as spending money and receiving change or estimating how much things will cost. We will then move on to look at time, including telling the time to 5 minutes and 24 hour clock.

At home, you can talk to your child about using money when you are out shopping and practise telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks!

Science

Aim - To develop knowledge and understanding of teeth and the digestive system.

This half term Year 4 will investigate teeth and the digestive system. They will be carrying out experiments to investigate what happens to our food in our bodies and what happens to our teeth if we do not look after them. Children will also have the opportunity to learn the purpose of each type of tooth such as molars for grinding food.

At home, research different animal teeth and their purposes. Compare them to human teeth and their jobs.

Geography

Aim - To learn about physical features of rivers and how they are utilised by humans.

For our topic of Water, Water Everywhere, the children will be learning about the water cycle and how it is a continuous process. They will look at the geographical features of rivers as well as comparing the River Test to a contrasting river in the UK. We will investigate the impact they have on people's lives.

At home, take a walk along a river and discuss the features and wildlife you spot.

R.E.

Aim - To create an understanding of the Kingdom of God through exploration of Pentecost.

The focus of this half term's R.E. is the Kingdom of God. The children will learn about Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit to Earth to help Christians see the kingdom of God in action through their lives. This builds on previous learning about the Trinity of God, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Within these sessions, children will have the opportunity to gather their thoughts about Christians believing that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and their desire to lead lives, which reflect God's love.

At home, discuss the difference between "looking after Number 1" and working as a team or "body." How does working as a team help everybody? Why is this often a good thing?

Art

Aim - To develop skills in collage

As part of our topic, we will be creating representations of rivers using pencil, water colours and collage. We will look at the work of a range of collage artists, including Carolyn Saxby.

At home, children could practise combining materials of different textures to create pictures.

Music

Aim - To learn to play the ukulele

This term the children will learn playing techniques on the ukulele. They will explore plucking and strumming and work towards playing simple pieces with a combination of 1 and 2 fingered chords.

At home, you may wish to listen to some ukulele music online.

PSHE

Aim - To have confidence in ourselves to build positive relationships.

This half term we will be using our new PSHE resource called Jigsaw. We will focus on relationships; thinking about jealousy, love and loss and getting on and falling out.

At home, you may wish to discuss these issues.

P.E.

Aim - To develop control and balance.

The children will be using props to perform rhythmic gymnastics. They will be developing strength, flexibility, control and balance. In outdoor sessions we will be working with the R and R coaches to develop our throwing and aiming skills through ultimate frisbee.

At home, the children could practise their frisbee skills.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.



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