



Half Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 4/ Summer 1

English	Maths
In English, we are studying the book 'The Day I Fell Into A Fairytale' by Ben Miller. Using this as a stimulus, pupils will be writing a story opening as well as their own fractured fairytale. Pupils will be taught a variety of sentence structures as well as how to use powerful verbs and ambitious adjectives in their writing.	In Maths, we will be learning about decimals (making a whole and comparing, ordering and rounding decimals), money (adding and subtracting, finding change and converting pence and pounds) and time (telling the time to the nearest minute, using AM and PM and converting analogue and digital time).
Art & Design	Geography
This half term, we will be taking inspiration from images of dragons throughout history and various cultures. We will use these to stimulate the design and making of a dragon sculpture out of clay. We will learn a variety of skills to build and decorate 3D forms.	In Geography, we are focusing on Italy and its place within Europe. We will consider the range of regions in Europe and how they are represented in maps. Zooming in on Italy, we will examine its physical geography and the role of tourism and the arts in its cultural identity.
Science	Music
In Science, our unit this half term is Animals, Including Humans. This will involve how organisms gain energy, learning about teeth and the key functions of the main parts of the human digestive system. We will then Discuss a variety of food chains and webs.	In Music this half term we will be listening to and appraising music from different traditions such as blues, jazz and big band.
PE	Computing
In PE, half of the year group will be going swimming. The others will be working on the striking and fielding skills required in cricket. In our other session pupils will also be developing their tennis skills.	In Computing we will be looking at data handling. In year 4 the children create a wide range of graphs using Excel in readiness for using Excel to make spreadsheets in year 5. They learn how to search a database and how to collate data efficiently.
RE	Spanish
In RE, we will learn about inspiring people in religious texts and great leaders in different	In Spanish, we will be learning all about Spanish speaking countries including their

faiths. We will consider what we might learn from the examples of such inspirational figures.

culture and geography. We will be learning to using ser (to be) and soy (I am) when speaking and listening. We also discuss flags, colours and shape.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we will be exploring the theme 'Health and Wellbeing.' We will focus on physical and mental health, dental hygiene, the safe use of household products and medicines. We will develop an awareness that caffeine, cigarettes (including vaping) and alcohol can affect a person's health.

How you can help at home

- Support children in their times table practice. Fluency here really pays off when we need to apply knowledge to formal multiplication and division, fractions, word problems etc. You can find out more information about the multiplication check that pupils will be undertaking this term (including a video and resources) here - <https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/maths-1/>
- One of the topics in Maths will be telling the time in words on an analogue clock, as well as reading digital. If you know your child has struggled with these concepts, practising at home will really pay off. As we will focus a lot on converting time from analogue to digital, there will not be many opportunities to catch up children on Year 3 objectives in class.
- Continue to encourage regular reading for pleasure and recording this in reading diaries.