



## Half Termly Curriculum Overview

### Year 4/ Summer 2

| English                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Maths                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| In English, we are studying 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. This classic book will be a stimulus for children to write their own retelling of the opening scenes using a 'zoom in' technique to write detailed descriptions. Pupils will then write and record their own movie trailer to advertise an adaptation of the original book.                                                          | 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).                                                                                   |
| Design Technology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | History                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| This half term, we will be designing, making and evaluating a robot head constructed out of recycled materials. It will include electrical components so that children have practical experience of building functioning circuits. We will use Tinkercad computer aided design software to try modelling our heads.                                                                            | In History, we are looking at the Elizabethan era. In particular, we will be studying: Who was Queen Elizabeth I? What was life like in the Elizabethan period? Who was Bess of Hardwick? What was the Spanish Armada and why was it important during Elizabeth I's reign? Why did Elizabeth want to colonise America? Who was Shakespeare and why was he important during the Golden Age? |
| Science                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| In Science, our unit this half term is on living things and their habitats. During this time, pupils will learn that living things can be divided into groups based upon their characteristics. We will consider how environmental change (including human activity) affects varying habitats and their native species differently. We will also be raising our own population of butterflies! | In Music this half term, the children will be learning about Brazilian samba music. We will be forming a samba band and creating music of our own for a performance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 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 athletic skills.                                                                                                                                                                           | In year 4, the children will understand how and why Excel is used. They will practice data handling by creating a range of basic graphs using Excel in readiness for using Excel to make spreadsheets in year 5. They learn how to collate data efficiently and present basic results.                                                                                                     |

| RE                                                                                                                                                                                           | Spanish                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| In RE, we will be exploring how Christians express their spirituality through music and worship. This will include us listening to a range of music and exploring how it could make us feel. | In Spanish, we will be learning all about Spanish speaking countries including their culture and geography. We will be learning to using ser (to be) and soy (I am) when speaking and listening. |

| PSHE                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| In PSHE this half term we will be exploring the theme of 'Health and Wellbeing.'<br>The topic will include lessons from our Relationships and Sex Education scheme of work.<br>Our other topic is global citizenship. |

| How you can help at home                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support children in their times table practice. Fluency here really pays off when we need to apply knowledge to formal multiplication and division, fractions and word problems. We have our MTC assessments taking place in the second week of summer 2.</li> <li>• 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, practicing at home will really pay off. In Year 4, we will focus a lot on converting time from analogue to digital. Perhaps this could be the perfect time for your child to start wearing a watch?</li> <li>• Continue to encourage regular reading for pleasure and recording this in reading diaries.</li> </ul> |