English

Writing

We have been set a challenge by a wicked witch who has stolen all the happy endings. She will only return them if we provide her with lots of twisted narrative tales. We have lots of unhappy ending ideas but we must include expanded noun phrases to describe, fronted adverbials of time, place and manner and direct speech using inverted commas. We will then move on to write a letter to the witch trying to convince her to return the happy endings using persuasive language and rhetorical questions. Wish us luck!

Reading

In Shared reading, we will share and discuss a range of Non-fiction, fiction and poetry with a European Geography theme. We will use a range of reading skills and strategies to understand and answer questions about the texts.





Science

This term in Science, we will explore electricity by creating simple series circuits, using switches and investigating common conductors and insulators. We are going to learn about the basic parts of a simple circuit – cells, wires, bulbs, switches, buzzers and investigate why a lamp in a simple circuit will (circuit is a complete loop) or will not light (break in the circuit) We are going to learn that a switch open (will not light a bulb – circuit incomplete), switch closed (will light a bulb – circuit complete) We will learn that conductors easily allow electric to pass through and insulators do not let electricity pass through easily, and that an example of a good conductor is aluminium, copper, gold, water, people, and good insulators are rubber, plastics, wood, and paper.



Music & Art

In Art, we will explore sculptures by a range of artists and look back at pottery in Ancient Greece. We will use paper Mache and clay to creature our own work. We will use pinch and coil techniques.

In Music, we will continue to develop our techniques on the djembe drums before moving on to explore melody and lyrics.

Geography

We are excited to explore European and world significant rivers. We will explain the features of the water cycle and we are going to know and label the main features of a river – upper course, middle course, lower course and use an index in an atlas to find rivers. We are going to know the name and location of the UK's longest rivers – Severn, Thames, Trent, Great Ouse and the Wye. We are excited to name and locate some of the world's longest rivers - Nile, Amazon, Yangtze, Mississippi and Yenisei. We are going to learn about the source, mouth, course, length, discharge and some tributaries of each river named.

Maths

We will learn the 6, 9, 12, 11 and 7 times tables. We will learn to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 as well as scale known facts. We will learn written methods for multiplication and division before moving on to solving problems. We will continue to practice our accuracy and recall of all times tables in and out of order in preparation for the multiplication check in June.

RE & PSHE

This half term will centre on how Muslims follow the five pillars of Islam. We will pay particular attention to Sawm - fasting during Ramadan, the Night of Power and Eid al- Fitr. We will consider the commitment that is necessary to fast and why it is important to Muslims. We will also learn about health & Well-being.

Computing

Year 4 will use their knowledge and understanding to edit both images and audio.

PF

This half term we will work with our new instructors to improve our swimming skills at our school pool. We will also learn how to play cricket and the rules that apply. We will work hard to develop the correct throwing, catching and hitting skills that are necessary to play effectively.