

Spring Term One Year 4



English

This term we are using the text ***Coming to England*** by Floella Benjamin to support and inspire our writing.

We are reading...



Our writing focus is to produce an informative biography about the life of Floella Benjamin. We will also be looking at writing informal diaries and letters that describe migration to a new country, helping the children develop empathy and a strong personal writing voice.

Our poetry this term is **Wind** by Dionne Brand preparing for World Poetry Day in March.

Geography

This term we are learning about **Migration**. The children will explore what migration is, why people migrate, and the effects it can have on individuals and communities. We will make links to the **Windrush generation** and our English text *Coming to England* to support their understanding. Our **Catholic Social Teaching** focus is **Family and Community**, encouraging children to think about how we welcome and support others.

R.E

4D: Christmas

In this unit, children will explore the role of angels in the Christmas story and learn how Christians act as messengers of Christ's Good News today. They will also discover how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas.

4E: Jesus: Light of the World and Beloved Son

In this unit, children will explore key stories from the life of Jesus and how they reveal his presence in the world. They will also learn about important symbols of Baptism and how these represent belonging to the Family of God.

Maths

7 times table and patterns: In this unit, children will deepen their multiplication and division skills by working with the seven times table and applying it to varied problems. They will also explore patterns across the two to ten times tables, including odd and even products and the concept of square numbers.

Understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships:

In this unit, children will review how multiplication works, including the idea that factors can be rearranged (commutativity) and how multiplication links to division. They will also explore the distributive law, using known facts to work out new ones, and apply these strategies to solve a range of practical and abstract problems.

Homework

Reading: Daily with 3 paragraphs per week. Reading books checked **daily**.

Online: TT Rockstars: 20 soundchecks. Spelling Shed: 20 games. Spelling test on a Wednesday. Online homework checked on a Wednesday.

Written: Maths and English homework sent home on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday.

Science

This term in science we will be learning about **sound** and carrying out simple data collection linked to our Autumn Term.

Children will explore how sounds are made through vibrations and investigate how pitch and volume can be changed. They will also learn how vibrations travel through different materials to reach the ear, and look for patterns that explain why different objects produce different pitches and volumes.

Art

This term, our art focus is on **drawing**. The children will create a cubist-style portrait inspired by Pablo Picasso, using angles, lines, shapes and colours to convey expression. They will also explore different pencil grades to show line, tone and texture with increasing control and purpose.

Music

This term we are looking at Stop! by Joanna Mangona. This is a song/rap about stopping bullying. We will be learning to rap in time with the beat and looking at other styles of rap to determine what is different.

French

We are looking at **Presenting Myself**

PE

This term our PE days are: **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.

On Tuesdays we will be focussing on Gymnastics. We will be looking at key skills with rolls, balances and jumps.

On Wednesdays we will be over at Gosford Leisure Centre focussing on swimming.

Computing

We will be looking at programming, specifically with repetition in shapes. We will be identifying accuracy of programming, create a program and modify loops to produce controlled outcomes.

RHE

Ten Ten:

Me, My Body, My Health

- We don't all have to be the same

Internet Safety

- Sharing Online
- Chatting Online

Gospel Virtues: Curious and Active

British Values: Mutual Respect