

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 Autumn 2 – 2024 - 25

## English

- Children will write engaging story openings, build ups and endings and learn how to convey a message through a story, all based on the rich narrative from the book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Children will compose sentences using a wider range of structures, including expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. They will use ambitious vocabulary and informal writing to write postcards. They will explore features of newspaper articles and write their own, using figurative language and varying sentence structure.

## Computing

### We are Musicians!

- Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour.
- Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs.
- Select, use and combine variety of digital software to produce music.

## Spanish

- Recognise, recall and spell common animals in Spanish.
- Understand that articles /determiners have more options in Spanish than they do in English.

## Topic – Europe, Here We Come!

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#### Geography:

- To use atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries in Europe.
- To explore key aspects of physical geography e.g. climate zones, mountains and rivers.
- Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

#### D&T

Children will create castanets and investigate the most effective material.

#### ART

Children will produce art based on topographical maps.

#### RE

The focus this term is Buddhism: Kathina.

#### PSHE

This half term the children will be focussing on wellbeing and mental health. The children will be learning about change and loss and managing feelings of bereavement. The children will also be learning that managing mental health and wellbeing is part of everyday life.

## Music

To complement the topic 'Europe: Here we come!', Year 4 will be exploring the iconic German composer, Ludwig van Beethoven, and his 5th Symphony. Students will become more familiar with the structure of the symphony and instrumental families of the orchestra. Children will learn to play famous motifs from the 5th Symphony. They will then focus their efforts towards preparations for the Winter Concert and building their performance confidence.

## Mathematics

- Continuation of Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables
- Multiply and divide mentally, including multiplying by 0 and 1 and dividing by 1.
- Recognise and use factor pairs and commutatively in mental calculations.
- Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems.
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.

## P.E.

- Games - Invasion Games (Mondays) and
- Gymnastics – Bridges (Thursdays).

## Homework

- **Project:** Project will be due at the end of the half term
- **Spellings:** 10 words to learn weekly for Monday
- **Reading:** 15 minutes a day and signed by adult weekly