



Year 4

Spring Term 1 2019

RE

In our first topic this term we will be looking at Community, especially in relation to our local parish. We will then spend our Other Faiths Week finding out more about Islam before beginning our class based work on Sacramental Preparation - the Eucharist.



History - Ancient Egypt

Children will study this ancient civilisation, learning about Where they lived, what was important to their daily lives, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. They will learn about hieroglyphics for communication and compare the powers of different gods.



Music

We will begin to learn how to play the keyboard, building on our musical skills such as timings of beats and pitch of notes. We will learn some new songs linked to current films/shows and our class topics.

ICT

We will use ICT in range of subjects. The focus in our ICT lessons will be coding using Cord.org

How you can help at home.....

Reading

Children are bringing home library books as well as reading books. Please discuss the stories with them, ask questions about characters, setting and plot or see if they can predict what might happen next as they will take an AR (Accelerated Reader) test for each book.

Handwriting

Please encourage your child to take care with handwriting and presentation.

English

Fiction

We will improve our fiction writing skills whilst studying 'defeating the monster' tales such as Beowulf. Our focus will be on paragraphs, description, fronted adverbials and apostrophes.

Non-fiction – Recounts

Class Reader – The One-hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog

We will continue our weekly guided reading sessions in groups.

Maths

Place value in subtraction, multiplication division problems; solving money problems to 2 decimal places; finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions; understanding angles and drawing these accurately as well as revising the properties of shapes and applying our knowledge of multiplication facts to solve multiplication and division problems.



Science

Electricity

Identify appliances that run on electricity; construct simple circuits, naming its basic parts and know whether they are 'complete'; make a switch and recognise some insulators and conductors of electricity.



PE

Skipping

We will practise the different techniques that we need for the skipping festival.

Swimming

We will go every Tuesday to Northumbria University pool to improve our swimming.



Spelling

Help your child learn their weekly spellings and give them practice tests.

Maths Help them keep number skills sharp and encourage your child to practise times tables regularly. Support them with MyMaths homework.

