

French As we approach May, we will learn The Hail Mary in French. This term we will consolidate our learning about our families. Our new topic is “Où habites-tu?” (Where do you live?). We will join the rest of the school in celebrating La Fête Nationale.

In **DT** we will combine our science skills learnt on the topic of electricity and create our own novelty front door bell. During the process the children will learn about design, how to create plans and make adjustments as they work. They will reinforce their mathematical skills by taking careful measurements both of length and of angles and putting into practise their knowledge of area and perimeter.

Physical education

We will be exploring simple running, jumping and throwing activities with control and co-ordination. These skills will then be transferred into athletic type activities. There will be a large focus on running, and the understanding of different approaches used for distance running and running for speed. We will be exploring running techniques and competing in individual and group based races.

Computing

During our computing lessons we will design and write programs to achieve specific goals, including solving problems. We will learn to use logical reasoning and use our computer skills to support our science work, learning about how we can collect and present data appropriately using a variety of programs.

In our **Geography** topic we will learn about the rainforests and further develop our geography skills including map reading skills and our ability to compare and contrast different locations around the world.

Music During our music lessons the children will learn to describe music using words such as duration, timbre, pitch beat, tempo, and texture. They will use these words to identify where music works well and how it can be improved. They will listen to several layers of sound and talk about the effect on the mood and feelings. They will also have the opportunity to create their own pieces of music and develop their knowledge of notation.



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Newsletter



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Find out what we will be learning about this term and how you can support our learning at home.

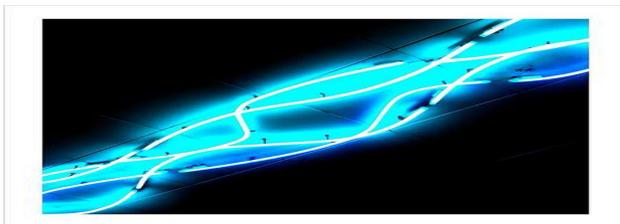
In Reading we will be focusing on reading a wide range of texts, becoming more fluent and expressive when reading aloud; including when performing play scripts and poetry. We will also continue to develop our comprehension skills and will focus on the skill of quoting from the text. Please remember it is very important for your child's development that they read daily at home as well as at school. Please ensure you record in your child's Homework Diary what and when they have read. Reading books should be brought to school everyday and can be changed, if and when completed, when your child first comes into school in the morning.

In writing we will be focusing on improving our word choices and sentence structures and continue to look at how authors write, including the literary devices that they use in order to engage their reader. We will look at writing our own play scripts to perform and learn how to write persuasive letters. In addition, we will continue to develop our story telling skills by writing our own stories for others to enjoy.

In SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) we will continue to practise the spelling of the words in the Year 3 & 4 spelling lists and revisit problem areas identified in the Spring term. We will aim to be more consistent with the use of punctuation, including punctuation associated with direct speech, and improve our use of grammar by reinforcing areas already covered this year.

In handwriting we will continue to improve our cursive writing, aiming to flow with our letter formation and have greater control over sizing of letters and digits in order to improve our overall presentation.

Science In science we will look at the topics of electricity and states of matter. During these topics the children will further develop the scientific skills by focusing on 'Planning and setting up different types of enquiry', 'Measuring', 'Gathering and recording data' and 'Performing Tests' as well as continuing to develop their scientific vocabulary and questioning skills.



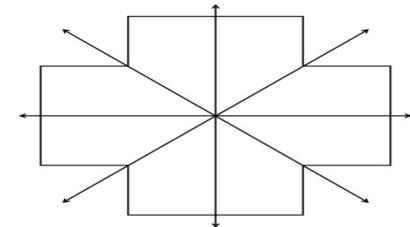
Religious Education In the first half term we will learn about the events of Pentecost and the story of the Early Christian Church through the life of St Paul. We will also look in detail at the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how God is always ready to forgive us, no matter what we do, if only we are truly sorry. In the final part of the year, the children will continue to follow the school's scheme "In the beginning". The scheme teaches the children about personal relationships with themselves, God and each other; at an appropriate age to the children. **World Religions:** During our world religion lessons, Y4 will study Islam. The children will visit a local mosque and have the opportunity to learn about various aspects of Islam including learning about the everyday lives of Muslims, what they believe in, how they pray and how they celebrate together.

This term our topic is The Ancient Egyptians



In Numeracy We will continue to develop and strengthen our number skills through lots of repetition and application of our skills learnt so far.

We will also develop our geometry skills by learning about angles, shape and symmetry and extending our knowledge and understanding of position and direction. We will learn about statistics and revise area and perimeter. We continue to learn our times tables so that we can readily answer questions relating to them; constantly improving our rate of recall of these facts and the related division facts.



In Art and Design

During our art lessons we will continue to develop our art skills using different medium on different scales, in 2D and 3D. We will continue to self and peer-assess our work, making adjustments as we develop our pieces of work. Our artwork will be linked mainly to our topics of "Ancient Egypt" and "The Rainforests".

History Our History topic for this term will be kick started by a visit to the Manchester Museum where the children will take part in a workshop focusing on the ancient civilization of the Egyptians.

There will be the opportunity to see first hand some real life mummies and other artifacts from this period in history.

