

## English

Our English lessons will continue with the Talk 4 Writing structure this year. This is where we learn to say a text before we write our own. After great success with both stories and newspaper articles, we will now move on to a 'Quest' theme. Again, we will produce a narrative writing piece before moving on to writing diary entries. These pieces of work will be based upon the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will build upon the descriptive skills from the first half term and continue to develop as writers—this time focusing more on problems and resolutions in stories.

## Reading

During our daily reading sessions we will dive into texts as well as using pictures and videos to develop our inference skills. Our class reader this half term will be 'The Firework Maker's daughter' by Philip Pullman.

## Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Across Lower Key Stage 2, we will work on spellings in class—this might be different to what your child is used to. Spelling lists for the term will be available the class teacher, but there won't be a weekly test where spellings are sent home.



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## Our Value

Our values curriculum is very important to us in school. During this half term our value focus will be 'Hope'.

## Maths

Our maths lessons this year will have a variety of opportunities to explore and build on our understanding in all areas, with challenge and support always available. The next area we will focus on will be measurement—with a focus on length and perimeter. We will explore units of measurement, how to find perimeters and then tackle a variety of problems linked to the topics. Following this, we will move back to number, this time looking at multiplication and division. Have a look at our [calculation policy](#) if you want to help your child with maths at home.

## R.E.

Through the diocesan education programme—Come and See, we will explore many different topics during our RE session. We will be exploring the Sacrament of Reconciliation this half term.

## History

Throughout the year we will alternate between History and Geography topics. Our first History topic will be 'Romans in Britain'. We will focus on historical enquiry by looking at a range of pictures and artefacts to dig deeper into the past. Again, we are lucky to be in an area with such rich history, so will use this to our advantage on an exciting trip.

## Art/DT

This half term will have a creative theme linked to our other subjects. We will be having a go at modelling using clay before moving on to some cross stitching. We are hoping to have some masterpieces to send home and to create a beautiful blanket to brighten up our classroom.

## Music

Year 4 are lucky enough to be visited by Mr Milner senior each week who will teach them

## Homework

In Year 4 each Friday there will be a 'Homework Menu'. This will consist of a number of choices that your child can complete. The homework is due back the following Friday. Hopefully this is a way to make homework exciting and engaging.

## PE

During our indoor sessions we will cover a gymnastics topic exploring different ways of moving and travelling. Outside we will explore a number of team games with Phil.



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## Educational Visits

There will be a LKS2 trip to Vindolanda during November. Please look out for the Parentmail.

## SEAL

SEAL stands for social and emotional aspects of learning—these sessions will first focus on the theme of Health and Wellbeing.

## Computing

Over the year, the class will have lots of opportunities to explore a variety of computer programs, websites and apps to play, build, record, produce and create. This term the class will study databases and how they are used to sort, calculate and present data. We will also have the chance to log onto our favourite websites, like SumDog and apps like DoodleMaths. Please ask if you would like a log in reminder sent home—these sites are enjoyable, educational and FREE!

## French

In French we will continue with the topic 'Je me presente'. We will gain a basic grasp across a range of French topics and be able to say short French sentences about ourselves and the things around us.

## Science

Across the year we will look at Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics as well as looking at the science all around us—with lots of opportunities to experiment. Our next science topic—which will be taught by Mrs Gibbins—is titled—Materials and their properties.