

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. This half term we will be working on the theme of 'Conquering a monster' stories. Our story is called 'The Princess and the Ogre'. Through this unit, we will secure our understanding of dialogue in writing and fronted adverbials. We will also work on deepening our understanding of texts, through using a range of different inference and deduction reading activities.

The second part of the half term will see us working on writing some non-chronological reports about the monsters that are defeated in our stories.



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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 Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

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.

Our Value

Our values curriculum is very important to us in school.

During this half term our value focus will be 'honesty'.

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 multiplication and division once again. This time we will cover finding factors of numbers as well as completing the formal method of multiplication (2 and 3 digits multiplied by a 1 digit number).

Following this we will briefly look at area before starting some work on fractions.

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 sessions. Our first topic this half term will see us looking at Community. These lessons will give us some understanding of how communities work and how we can help our church community.

Geography

Throughout the year we will alternate between History and Geography topics. Our next Geography topic will be a place knowledge study. This is where we look at a region and make comparisons between that region and somewhere else. For this study, we will be finding out all about London and the surrounding areas. We will look at landmarks and gain an understanding about the transport systems and employment of the capital city.

Art/DT

This half term in Art we will be looking at effects and textures in art. The main focus will be on watercolours and landscapes—looking at the work of famous artist Monet. The class will explore trying different paints, brushes and tools to create some masterpieces.



Music

Year 4 are lucky enough to be visited by Mr Milner senior each week who will teach them how to play Trumpets. This a great opportunity for us!

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Homework

In Year 4, we have a 'Homework Menu'. This will consist of a number of choices that your child can complete. The homework is due back a week after it is set. Hopefully this is a way to make homework exciting and engaging.

Educational Visits

Please look out for ParentMails/letters to inform you of any educational visits.

PE

During our indoor sessions we will continue to explore gymnastics, with a particular focus on balance and coordination. In our outdoor sessions we will take part in some Tag Rugby.

SEAL

SEAL stands for social and emotional aspects of learning—these sessions will now focus on the theme of—Living in the wider world.

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 half term the class will explore several different computing projects. These projects will test the class on their programming and problem solving skills. We will also be visited by a computing expert from the council who will assist the class in building robots to link with our class text—The Iron Man.

French

In French we will continue with the topic 'Mon Anniversaire'. We will gain a basic grasp across a range of French topics and be able to talk about our birthdays.

Science

Across the year we will look at Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics as well a 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—Electricity. We will look at which appliances require electricity and how simple circuits work.