



Curriculum Overview - Marvellous Maps!

4 Willow

Spring Term 1 - 2018

English



READING – Fictional text: Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

We will be:

- Reading: Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman
- Reading a variety of Indian Myths related to our topic of maps.
- Asking questions to develop children's retrieval skills and develop their deeper understanding using questions and finding the main idea.

We will be:

- Writing settings and character descriptions of India.
- Using correct presentation features such as paragraphs.
- Continue to use expanded noun phrases, whilst developing our knowledge and introducing fronted adverbials.
- Continuing to develop our descriptive writing styles whilst maintaining the punctuation we have studied before.

SPELLING:

We will be developing spelling skills and learning spelling patterns from Year 4 and 5 curriculum word list, as well as varying our additional spellings based upon our topic of the week.

TOPIC: History Geography, Art and D&T



Topic Unit: Magnificent Mountains

In our TOPIC activities we will be finding out about:

How to use atlases and locate the world's countries.

Naming and locating counties and cities within the United Kingdom, as well as identifying physical and human features of these areas.

Basic map skills, including how to use a key, compass points and grid references.

We will also be learning how to use the eight points of a compass to plan a route across the United Kingdom!

Science



In Science we will be learning about:

Electricity and the common components that run on electricity. We will be investigating what is required for a complete circuit and which materials electricity can pass through.

Maths



NUMBER and CALCULATION

We will be learning to:

Recognise and show families of common equivalent fractions.

Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

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MEASURE - Time

We will be learning to:

Convert between different units of measure

Solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.



Physical Education



In PE we will:

be focusing on *gymnastics*.

This will be every Friday Afternoon, so all children must have their P.E. kit in then. We suggest they can take it home at the weekend to wash for the following week.

We will no longer be swimming on a Thursday.

Music



In *Music*, we are continuing to develop our skills on our chosen instruments. As we have completed our taster sessions, we are now able to learn the more technical aspects of the instruments.

Computing



In *Computing*: We are learning about...

- A variety of software that we can use in day to day life.
- use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about

Life Skills and R.E.



In *LIFE skills and R.E.* we will be looking at:

where *Buddhism* originated, about special places linked to *Buddhism* and about key festivals in *Buddhist* life. The children will also learn about symbols in *Buddhism*, the *Buddhist* holy book and the main beliefs held by *Buddhists*.

Themed Days

Reading Targets:

Year 4 - I can draw inferences, such as characters' thoughts and feelings and motives based on their actions and I can justify inferences with evidence.

In Year 4, we will be preparing the children for their residential to Kingswood next term. More information will follow!

Upcoming Events

6/2 - E-Safety day.

8/2 - GPS and Phonics Parents Workshops at 9.00am and 5.45pm

13/2 - Football competition at Landywood - after school, all welcome to come and support us

15/2 - Valentines Disco