Year 4
Topic 5

English – Reading and Writing

In reading, we will be studying the following fiction texts: Throwing a Tree, Rhythm of the Rain and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

In writing, we will be creating our own journey story based on Around the World in 80 Days. We will also write persuasive letters as our non-fiction unit of work.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to have a big focus on times tables this half term in preparation for the Times Tables Check. In our lessons, we will be introducing decimal numbers. We will learn to decompose them, order them and convert them to fractions. After this, we will move onto our measurement unit of money to further strengthen our knowledge of decimals.

Science

Our science learning for this half term is based on states of matter. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how to change the state of a material by heating or cooling. We will also learn about evaporation and condensation before moving on to learn about the water cycle.

Geography

This half term in geography, we will be studying mountains. We will learn about the different types there are, how they are formed and their impact on the weather. In addition to this, we will understand their role in the water cycle, linking this learning to our science topic.

Art and Design

Our art unit of work this half term will have a drawing focus. We will experiment with different sketching techniques using trees and nature as a stimulus. We will then be creating our own landscape drawings to demonstrate what we have learnt.

Design and Technology

This half term, our design and technology focus is on textiles. We will be learning a range of sewing techniques before researching cushion designs in order to design and make our own.

R.E.

In our R.E. lessons, we will be learning about Islam. We will be focusing on Muslims' beliefs about God. We will also be learning about how they celebrate key times in their religious calendar, in particular Ramadan.

P.S.H.E.

In Jigsaw this half term, we will focus on relationships. We will learn about how friendships can change, how to make new friends and how to manage fallouts with friends. Alongside this, we will learn how to show love and appreciation to people and animals who are special to us.

P.E.

In P.E. this half term will be looking at cricket. We will explore the principles of striking and fielding and learn how to score points within the game. We will also be looking at athletics. We will develop basic running, jumping and throwing techniques. We will be set challenges for distance and time.

Music

In music, we will be introduced to the ukulele and the names for each part of the instrument. We will explore rhythm and beat before starting to learn about interpreting music. We will play pieces as a group

M.F.L.

In German, we will recall our vocabulary for different parts of the body and learn how to describe simple illnesses. We will also explore jungle animals and learn to understand a simple jungle story.