



Year 4	Spring Term
English	
<p>This term we shall be reading ‘Secrets of a Sun King’ by Emma Carroll. We will continue to study punctuation including apostrophes for possession and contraction, commas, brackets for additional information and inverted commas for speech. We will increase our knowledge of grammar by learning about expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, pronouns and prepositional phrases. We will also be learning how to summarise stories, explain opinions and how to answer ‘inference’ reading comprehension questions. We will be using all these skills to write our own stories whilst continuing to develop our vocabulary using a dictionary and a thesaurus.</p>	
Maths	
<p>Initially, we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division, including how to solve short multiplication calculations. We will also be investigating how to find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares. The main area of focus this term will be fractions and decimals. We will learn how to count up and down in hundredths, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths, recognise and write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{3}{4}$, round decimals with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number and solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places.</p>	
Science	
<p>In science, we will be describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. We will also construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.</p>	
Geography / History	
<p>This term we will be continuing our learning of the, ‘Egyptians’. We will then be learning geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of ‘rivers’ as part of our topic, ‘How does the water go round and round?’.</p>	
R.E.	
<p>In RE, we will continue to look at the kind of world Jesus wanted. This will be followed by Sikhism and what it is like to be a Sikh in Sandwell. We will also find out about Vaisakhi.</p>	
Art	
<p>We will be exploring tone, texture and proportion in developing drawing skills.</p>	
Design Technology	
<p>In design and technology, we will be designing and creating moving mechanisms.</p>	
P.E.	
<p>Our PE sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons. We will be developing our dance skills. If your child wears earrings, please could they be removed on this day. Also, please ensure your child’s PE kit is in line with policy, they will be working in the hall. No hoodies or crop tops please.</p>	
Computing	
<p>Year 4 will be looking at data logging and how sensors can be used to record information such as temperature, sound and light.</p>	
Music	
<p>This term, we will be continue to work with a teacher from Sandwell Youth Music to learn how to play the trumpet.</p>	
Jigsaw	
<p>In our RSE lessons we will be learning how to stay motivated and how we can work hard to achieve our dreams and goals. Also, we will learn how to be a good friend, stay calm and develop positive relationships. The values for this term are Respect and Responsibility.</p>	
MFL	
<p>In French we will be learning about the epiphany and learning the vocabulary for animals, body parts and family names.</p>	