

### Art and Design

This term we will be continuing to develop our use of sketchbooks to explore ideas, improve our skills in drawing as well as developing our multi-media art.

### Design and Technology

We will be designing and constructing lighthouses whilst studying electricity in our science lessons.

### Computing

We will be using the data loggers to explore collecting and analysing data in combination with our science topic of States of Matter. In the second half term we will be learning new programming skills with repetition of shapes. We will be continuing to learn about keeping safe online and use the computers for research to enhance our learning.

### English

In English our focus continues to be reading; developing our independent skills and using Accelerated Reading to keep track of our progress. We will be listening to, learning and retelling stories as well as writing our own. We will look at a range of non-fiction texts and identify the features of these to use in our writing.

We will study a range of texts including The Anglo-Saxon poem Beowulf and writing our own Kennings. We will then link our geography to our writing creating information leaflets about starlings and the Somerset levels.

After half term we will explore stories through local history about King Arthur creating suspense and drama in our imaginative tales about lighthouses using film extracts as a prompt. We will be looking at setting scenes, character descriptions, using different tenses and speech punctuation.

In spelling, we will continue to look at patterns and rules as well as exploring how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of words.

Vocabulary is also an important focus – we will be collecting powerful words to use in our writing and trying to use the correct subject vocabulary to explain what we are learning.



## Year 4 Spring Term



“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10

### Wellbeing

The wellbeing of the children as they return to school is of the utmost importance. We will be using our amazing Wellbeing area just outside the year 4 classrooms and taking our learning outside.



### Maths

**We will be focussing on learning all our times tables fluently**

In addition, we will be learning about:

- Multiplication and Division
  - Including our times tables
  - Multiplying 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers
  - Dividing 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers
- Fractions
  - finding equivalent fractions
  - fractions greater than 1
  - mixed numbers and improper fractions
  - adding and subtracting fractions.
- Decimals
  - Tenths and hundredths
  - Tenths on a number line
  - Dividing 1 or 2 digits by 10 and 100

### PE

In PE, on Wednesdays we will be starting our swimming lessons and alternate weeks we will be developing our Ball coordination skills and balance on a line in our Real PE lessons

### PSHE

We will be looking at what it means to Keep Safe and deciding when things might be risky.

### Geography

During the first half term we will be focussing on “What is a settlement?” looking at how land and features in our local area have changed. In the second half term we are looking at how food choices can impact the environment and where food comes from thinking about local food produce and food we import. We will be going on a trip to see how food gets from the field to our table.

### History

This term we will continue our chronological journey through the history of Britain. We will be studying why the Anglo Saxons came to Britain including exploring the treasures of Sutton Hoo. We will be looking at how people lived in early settlements thinking about their clothing, homes, and daily life.

### RE

In RE, we will be learning about Buddhism and “what does it mean to be happy?” In Christianity we will find out “What was the impact of Pentecost? “

### Music and Drama

This term we will be focussing on learning to play notes on the recorder and chords on the

### Science

In the first half term, we are learning about the States of Matter; classifying liquids, solids and gases and investigating the processes of condensation and evaporation.

In the second half we will be learning about electricity, learning about circuits, conductors and insulators and using switches we will make our own lighthouses.

We will also be observing changes in the pond habitat throughout the year to include pond dipping as Spring arrives.