

## English

We will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach to develop our skills as writers. Studying a non-fiction text about rivers will help us to create non-chronological reports and inspire our poems. We will also gain knowledge of their beauty and understand how essential rivers are to life on our planet. Through discussion and creative writing, we will also explore the narrative. 'Cowboy Story' to write our own journey stories. Reading for pleasure will be a focus and texts will be selected from Pie Corbett's reading spine. Our class novel will be 'Why the whales came' by Michael Morpurgo. At home, children need to learn the weekly spelling set and tested on Mondays.

## Physical Education and Forest School

This half term PE will be on a Monday. We will be focussing and learning about our fitness. This will involve carrying out and creating our own circuits and improving our stamina and fitness levels. Forest School sessions will be on a Friday with Mr Gibbs.

## Music

This term we will be exploring music linked to our topic. This will include exploring timbre, structure, tempo and dynamics. Year 4 will be listening, reviewing and evaluating music across a range of historical periods and composing music using a range of instruments and structures.

## Art and Design

As artists, Class 4 will take a trip around the world! We will visit North America (Mexico) to make a self-portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo. We will make story plate art in Asia (Japan). Year 4 will look at Picasso's paintings to make a cubist picture after visiting Spain in Europe. We will make printed pictures in Nigeria, Africa and then look at Australian Aboriginal art to inspire our paintings and collage work.

## PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will follow the Jigsaw programme, where we cover different areas to support health and wellbeing. We will be exploring the puzzle 'Dreams and Goals' to help us think about what we aspire to do in the future. Year 4 will learn about resilience, overcoming disappointment and positive attitudes. We will share our aspirations, the dreams and goals of others in different cultures/countries, and dreams for the world. In the second puzzle 'Healthy Me' we will look at friendships and peer pressure.

## Religious Education

In RE we will be investigating our key question 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' We will also be celebrating Easter this term and explore the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

# Arctic Ocean

## Science

As scientists, Class 4 will look at living things and their habitats, focusing on ecosystems, classifying animals based on their diets, food chains, food webs and why they are important to different habitats.

## SEVEN WORLDS, ONE PLANET Year 4 Spring 2024

Class 4 will be taken on a voyage of discovery around the world!  
From peculiar places to wild weather,  
we will have fun exploring the globe together!

## Mathematics

As mathematicians, Class 4 will learn about fractions, decimals, multiplication and division. Measuring skills will be developed as we work out the perimeter and area of different shapes. There is a big emphasis on ensuring we are all confident with our quick recall of multiplication times tables. We will continue to get lots of practise playing games and use TTRockstars to help with learning them!

## Geography

Class 4 will go on a whistle-stop tour around the world to identify and locate the seven continents and learn about some of the countries within each one. We will explore areas of human and physical geography, including population and culture, landmarks, mountains and rivers. Year 4 will find out about the equator, hemisphere, the poles and the tropics. Special stamps will be put on our passports as we travel and explore! Finally, we will vote on our favourite destination!



## The Harmony Project

As part of our Harmony Project work, this term's theme 'Cycle' will be explored by learning about the water cycle and the continuous movement of water, on, above and below the surface. Did you know that Earth has been recycling water for over 4 billion years?! We will be learning more splashing facts as well as creating a class mural to showcase our wonderful water work! Class 4 will also learn about the recycling process and how we are able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times to help our planet.

## Languages

Year 4 will build on their French knowledge of basic phrases linked to the topics of pets, home and school. We will also look at different languages around the world to link with our topic.

## Computing

In our computing lessons we will be using Scratch, focusing on the wider programming skills of solving problems, testing, debugging, improving and evaluating. We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. There is a focus on inspiring change.

## Australia

## Antarctica