Summer Term 1

Year 4
Living Things and their Habitats



PSHE/RSE

In PSHE, through our 'Relationships' topic, we will explore how to build positive relationships, manage friendship challenges and show care and appreciation for others. Children will learn how to recognise and respond to feelings such as jealousy, loss and peer pressure, while developing empathy, resilience and respect.

English

In English, linked to the story Varmints, we will consolidate our Year 4 grammar, spelling and vocabulary skills through a range of writing, including descriptions, diaries, letters, instructions and explanations. Children will explore themes of environmental change and conservation while developing their speaking and listening skills through persuasive speeches, debates and discussions.

Maths

In Maths, we will consolidate our understanding of place value, including four-digit numbers and rounding, while developing confidence with multiplication, division, fractions and decimals. Children will practise their times tables up to 12 × 12 and learn to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Music

In Music, we will explore music from different cultures that use the pentatonic scale and learn how composers record ideas using graphic notation. Children will also create music inspired by The Horse in Motion, using ostinatos, dynamics and orchestration to compose pieces that match moving images.



Science



In Science, we will explore how living things can be grouped and classified, and learn how plants and animals are adapted to survive in different habitats. Children will also investigate food chains and discover how changes in the environment can affect living things.

PE



In PE, we will develop our skills in rounders and rugby, focusing on throwing, catching, running, teamwork and game tactics. Children will learn the basic principles of attacking and defending while improving their coordination, balance and agility through a range of competitive activities.

Religious Education

In RE, we will explore how different religions encourage people to care for others and make a positive difference in their communities. Children will learn how Christians, Sikhs and Jews show compassion through acts of kindness, charity and service, and reflect on how they can show care and respect in their own lives.



French

In French, we will learn how to talk about aches and pains, take part in a doctor role-play and describe jungle animals using simple sentences. Children will develop their speaking, reading and pronunciation skills through stories, conversations and French phonics.



Art



In Art, we will explore the work of Iwan Tirta, using batik techniques to create patterns and designs on fabric. Children will experiment with colour, layering and texture to design and make their own patterned textile piece, inspired by traditional motifs.

Computing



In Computing, we will develop our creative digital skills by designing and producing our own media projects using a range of software and technologies. Children will learn how to create, edit and evaluate digital content while using technology safely and responsibly.

History

In History, we will explore what life was like in Ancient Egypt, investigating the importance of the River Nile, the role of pharaohs and beliefs about the afterlife. Children will use artefacts and sources of evidence, including hieroglyphics and the Rosetta Stone, to discover how Ancient Egyptians lived.