

History/geography/science/PSHE: Our science topic will be 'Evolution and inheritance.' The children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution. After half term we will explore light. Our Geography topic will be looking at the physical and human features of deserts, in addition to the location of countries and cities in Central and South America After half term they will explore the Mayans and learn about the significance of this ancient civilisation.

R.E. The class will be looking at 'What it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.' The children will be learning about INCARNATION and asking Was Jesus the Messiah? They will also learn about the religious significance of Christmas

P.E: The children will have a dance session with a dance teacher every Thursday. Mr Tyrrell will be teaching PE every Tuesday and Friday.
Please could your child come to school in full kit on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Computing: The children will look at 'Sharing information'. They will be identifying and exploring how information is shared between digital systems. They will also explore 'Internet communication'. During this unit, the children will recognise how the WWW can be used to communicate and be searched to find information.

English (including drama) - Darwin's dragons by Lindsay Galvin (Lit Shed+ block)

We will begin the term by exploring the life of Charles Darwin and the children will write a biography and a diary entry
Later in the term we will explore the **Rain Player** – a beautiful book by David Wisniewski and use it to inspire a set of instructions, a setting and character study, a non-chronological report and a diary entry. As well as this, every Monday and Tuesday, the class have a spelling lesson and guided reading on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Maths – This half term, Class 4 will be looking at place value – reading, writing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 10 million. After that we will do an addition and subtraction unit on formal written methods. In Multiplication & Division, we will learn about multiples, factors, prime numbers and divisibility rules. Following this we will learn how to do formal methods of short and long multiplication and division. Unit 4 will be Fractions, decimals and percentages which will bridge over into Spring term.

French: The children will be learning a block of French about the Weather and the family.

Music: Getting started with music tech and Emotions and musical styles

Art: This half term's art will start with some clay modelling of dragon's eyes followed by some work based around Frida Kahlo. She was famous for painting self-portraits and for painting women as strong people. She used vibrant colours to reflect her Mexican heritage. We will use these ideas to inspire our own art work and self-portraits.