Curriculum Overview – Year 4 – Summer Term (1)

Subject Area	Content
English	Reading: This term our focus author is Kaye Umansky. We will be reading texts by this children's author during English. Further reading will include both fiction and non-fiction texts within guided reading sessions. Additional reading will occur throughout all other curriculum areas as well as Library sessions that take place once a week. Children also read at registration time and share their reading to the class. Speaking and Listening: Drama and role-play underpin many aspects of the curriculum and opportunities will be given to develop speaking and listening skills through presentations, group work, discussion and questioning. Writing: We will begin the term by recapping and developing our skills of writing newspaper articles. After this we will read Fiction texts including The Bogey Men and Trolls Next Door. Strands of the story are then picked out to form the basis of the children's own writing. Further writing skills will be developed through topic work across a range of text types.
Maths	Maths learning will include: This half term will begin with learning about fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions, looking at improper and mixed fractions and how to simplify fractions. This will then lead to worded problems which embody the concept of a fraction calculation. Multiplication facts and four operations calculation skills will be practised and embedded throughout all units of work.
Science	Scientific Investigations Skills: We will begin to understand and compare and group different types of materials. Including solids, liquids and gases and considering the water cycle. Science Content: We will be developing our knowledge and understanding of changing materials. The unit will include: understanding changes such as irreversible and reversible, melting and dissolving as well as separating mixtures.
ICT	We will develop skills for using the internet to research this term. There will be many opportunities to refine search skills, navigate web pages, select information and present it in a suitable manner. ICT will be incorporated for research in other subjects alongside for Times tables Rock stars.
Topic	Geography– This topic will be largely focussed on geography skills. We will look at the coastal areas in South-West England and understand how beaches are formed. History- To consider illness, medicine and cure in modern England. This will then continue onto researching the Plague and The Great Fire of London. Art – In art we will be focussing on Tapestry art and the history behind it. We will get an opportunity to create some of our designs. We will cross stitch designs and create a bookmark too!
Music	Our Music lessons will involve singing sessions to progress the use of our voices. We will get a chance to showcase our talents with our peers and learn new songs.
PE	Our PE lessons are on Thursday, where we will be developing our pace and skills with a variety of active games. These will encourage speed and quick pace. We will also be doing Dance lessons.
RE	This half term we will be learning about authority figures/ leaders of religions. Specifically looking at Christianity and Judaism. We will then move on to thinking about some of the ultimate questions and creation stories from the perspective of both religions.
Spanish	Miss P will be running Spanish workshops with the year 4's. Children learn greetings, explain how they are feeling, describe the weather and will also learn Spanish songs.

Things to bring	Children must bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. They may also bring a water bottle to keep in class. We will expect children to bring their PE kits once a week. Children do not need to bring pencil cases, as pencils, rubbers and rulers are provided in class.
	Thursday – Full outdoor PE kit including trainers
	Tuesday/Wednesday- Library Book
Dates to remember	Peter Warwick Teacher Training- Wednesday 24 th April 2019 Jumpin -Thursday 25 th April 2019 Kids Zania Thursday 20 th June 2019 Half Term -Monday 27 th May- Friday 31 st May 2019 Summer Term 2- Monday 3 rd June- Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 Inset Day- Monday 8 th July 2019
Educational visits	Jumpin -Thursday 25 th April 2019 Kids Zania Thursday 20 th June 2019