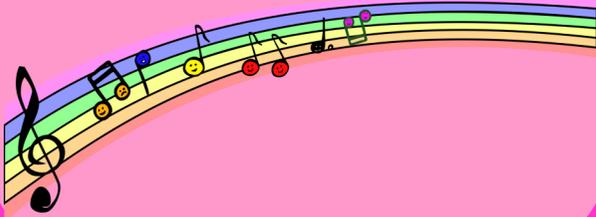


Computing

This term our computing unit is called: **'We are musicians'**

In this unit we will be using the computer to create and refine through **editing**, a piece of backing music to accompany work in another **medium**. This music will then be played alongside the work for which it was created as part of a **performance** or **presentation**.



Religious Education

This half term our focus is **Islam**.

We will be learning about the **'Five Pillars of Islam'**. **Muslims** follow the guidance of the Five Pillars to show their commitment to the worldwide Muslim **community**. The Five Pillars are:

- **Shahadah**- belief in Allah and the Prophet Muhammad as the final Messenger
- **Salat**- prayer to Allah 5 times each day
- **Zakat**- giving to charity and doing charitable work
- **Hajj**- visiting Makkah
- **Sawm**- fasting during the month of Ramadam

We will also be comparing **Shahadah** with other statements of belief.

Reading

Our reading programme is aimed at encouraging children to read to parents/carers every day. All children have been issued with a reading record which should be signed by an adult who has listened to them read. Awards will be issued in assembly for children completing 10, 20 and 30 books.

Please aim to read with your child daily - reading regularly at home helps your child learn more effectively and will improve their vocabulary, spelling, grammar and concentration.

Spelling & Home Learning

You will receive a **Home Learning Passport** detailing projects and questions for you and your child to complete at home. All homework is carefully chosen to link closely with your child's school learning.

If you have access to the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics**. This online programme subscribed to by the school, will help your child to improve and reinforce their maths skills. <http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

Spellings will be sent home on **Fridays**:
Children will have 1 week to find out the meaning of each word and learn the correct spelling for their spelling test on the following Friday.

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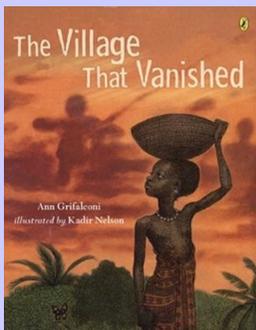
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English

Focus Text: 'The Village that Vanished'
by Ann Grifalconi

'Young Abikanile and all of the villagers of Yao feel safe hidden deep within the African jungle.

However word has come that the slavers are on their way, but all of the men are away, and so the women and elderly people have no protection. As the villagers retreat into the forest, Abikanile finds that she too has the courage to help her people stay safe and free.'



We will also be reading a variety of other texts for pleasure to enhance our reading comprehension skills. We will be writing in different styles and learning how to check and edit our work. There will be a strong focus on handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.

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We teach our children:

Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

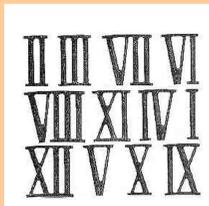
Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Mathematics

We will solve problems involving multiplication and addition, including the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit. As well as this we will be solving integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as 'n' objects are connected to 'm' objects.

We will be finding the effect of dividing a one or two-digit number by 10 and 100 as well as identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths. We will learn to estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.

Strong emphasis will be placed on improving children's reasoning skills, mental arithmetic skills and times-tables knowledge. Finally we will be expanding our knowledge of Roman Numerals up to 100.



Music



Year 4 will continue to have their weekly guitar, trumpet and clarinet lessons in preparation for the Spring Term Music concert. They will also attend their weekly singing lessons in practice for the Spring Term Singing Concert.

Topic

Focus Figure: Gabriel Fahrenheit
Focus Text: 'One Well'
by Rochelle Strauss

We will learn that we belong to many different communities – family, friends, sports teams, activity groups, etc. However, there is one thing that every community has in common – people. We must learn how to respect, support and work together if we hope to become valuable contributors to the communities that we are a part of. In Geography we will be finding out how our school meets the needs of the community and about the buildings and services within our local area. In Art we will be making a community sculpture for the school, and in ICT we will be making own animation about the 'netiquette' needed for online digital communities.

Physical Education

Both Classes will focus on **Rounders**

Pupils will develop the throwing and catching skills needed for rounders. They will begin to learn basic bowling, batting and fielding skills which can be transferred to other sports, before playing full rounders matches in groups.

PE will be on Fridays.

All children are required to take part in physical education. Your child must have a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.