



English

Children will study four books and use these to develop their reading and writing skills.

The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

We look at how the author uses descriptive language to help us to see the character clearly. Children develop their own descriptive language and produce a character description inspired by Carol Ann Duffy's Tear Thief.

Float by Disney

The children explore the characters in the video and their feelings and begin to write their own diary entries from the point of view of one of the characters in the story.

Up In the Canopy by Good Wives and Warriors

The children explore the wide variety of bugs, plants and animals that inhabit the rainforests. They discover the varied habitats they may find there and write a non-chronological report about an animal of their choice.

Buddy's Rainforest Rescue by Ellie Jackson

We focus on the main character and the struggles he experiences in the book as he faces losing his habitat to deforestation. The children will write a persuasive letter through the lens of deforestation.

Maths



Addition and Subtraction

The children use number bonds to 100 to help them add and subtract mentally. They will also learn strategies such as counting up and down in tens, hundreds and ones to help them solve addition and subtraction number sentences.

Number and Place Value

The children learn the value of numbers up to 4 place values. They will then apply this knowledge to placing numbers on number lines and to ordering and comparing 4 digit numbers.

Multiplication and Division

The children learn and revise the 6 and 3 times tables and spot the similarities between them. They will then begin to multiply multiples of 10 and other 2 digit numbers either mentally or using the partitioning method.

Money

Children build on their understanding of money to solve one and two-step problems involving money and calculating change.

Science

Animals

The children learn about the digestive system in humans. They also investigate teeth and look at the effects of different substances on teeth using egg shells. They learn the names and the functions of the different teeth.



Electricity

During this topic, the children learn how appliances and lights use electricity. They investigate simple circuits and recognise that if the circuit is broken the electricity will not work. They have a visit from United Utilities who explain how electric circuits work on a much larger scale.

RE



Creation and Covenant

The children look at the story of Creation from the first book of the Holy Bible (Genesis). They explore the importance of rest and spending time appreciating the God's world and how we can act as stewards to take care of our common home.

Prophecy and Promise

Elijah and John the Baptist are prophets. In this unit, we learn about what being a prophet entails. We will explore the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time. We learn about the feast of Christ the King and how this marks the end of the Church's year and consider ways we can celebrate this.

Geography



During this topic the children learn about the location of the rainforests. They investigate climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers and the water cycle. They examine the different layers of the rainforest and how tribes live and adapt to survive in this environment. They investigate the effects of deforestation, and how sustainable management is being implemented.



History

Why did the Anglo Saxons Invade Britain?

The children use a range of sources (including images, artefacts and books) to find out about life in Anglo Saxon times and what it was like to live in Britain during this historical period. They investigate the types of food/culture/clothing/housing/leisure activities during Anglo Saxon times and compare their life to the life of an Anglo Saxon child.

PE



Games—Hockey

The children will learn how to hold a hockey stick and how to dribble the ball effectively over a short distance. Children will also be taught how to perform push pass technique when static and when moving. They will also be taught how to trap and stop the ball.

Dance

In dance, the children will learn to perform dances using a range of movement patterns.

Cricket

Children are introduced to All Stars Cricket by a qualified Level 3 cricket coach supporting our PE staff.

Computing



E-Safety

The children recap on how to stay safe online. They learn about different comment types, reporting unsafe behaviour and who to pass their concerns on to if they see something online that is unsafe.

Data Handling

The children plan and collate data and organise it in different ways using Purple Mash and Excel. They link their learning to a current topic.



Art

Self Portraits and Still Life

The children will be introduced to the artist Paul Cezanne and explore the ways in which he created his art. We will explore a range of materials, colours and types of art whilst experimenting ourselves.

The children will have the opportunity to create their own sketches and paintings using Paul Cezanne's style of art. They will also explore a range of still life before creating their own 3D still life work at the end of the topic.



D&T

Anglo Saxon Bread

As part of the history topic on Anglo-Saxons, the children learn about how food was produced. Using their learning of the ingredients and manufacturing techniques during Anglo Saxon times, the children make Anglo Saxon bread. They then follow modern-day recipes and compare and contrast the different types of bread.

PSCHE

Families and people who care for me

In this topic, the children will learn that others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care.

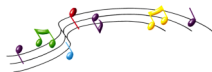
Caring Friendships

The children will learn that stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up.



Music

During this term, children will continue to learn how to play the glockenspiels with Bolton Music Service. They will learn about how to read music notations and begin to compose music in the written form.



French

The children revise basic greetings and how to talk about their emotions and feelings. They revisit key vocabulary for all topics and practise listening and responding to each other in French.

How You Can Help

- Please ensure that your child reads **every night**.
- Record reading in your child's **reading record**.
- Practise **spellings** at home with your child using the Emile programme. Log in details can be found in their reading record.
- Practise 2,3,4,5,6,8 and 10 **times tables** at home with your child. These will be checked regularly by an adult in school. Children can use their **Times Table Rock Star** login to consolidate learning.
- **PE kits** should be in school every day.
- Please ensure that your child has the brings the correct equipment to school each day including: **water bottle, reading record and book bag**.
- If you have any issues, do not hesitate to contact **Miss Lally**.



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Faith, Family and Friendship!*

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we are learning in Year 4

Class Routines

- All homework will be set online using Emile, Times Table Rockstars and through the daily reading.
- Please read with your child 5 times a week and login to Times Table Rockstars regularly to practise times tables, or multiplication check practise online.
- Year 4 have PE every Tuesday.
- Children must have a full PE kit in school at all times. PE kits can be taken home at the end of each term to be washed.

