

## Music



This term the children will be getting weekly music lessons from a specialist teacher who comes into school.

They will be learning the skills to use and play music on a Ukelele.

## PE



This term we will be learning to play netball, learning about the rules and improving our hand-eye coordination and teamwork.

### PE days:

**Monday** – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

**Thursday** – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

## Art / Design & Technology



Our art focus for this half term is drawing and refining our skills of observation, sketching and linear marks. We will work independently as well as creating group artwork. We will learn how to use natural resources found in our local environment to support our work and will study a notable artist from history, comparing their work to that of a modern day artist.

## What can you do to help?

- Homework will be sent out each **Wednesday** to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. Any child consistently not returning homework will be given the opportunity to complete this during school time.
- Please read with your child regularly. Ask questions about the book they have read to check their understanding and aim to make a comment in their reading record book 5 times per week.
- Send your child's reading book in with them every day.
- Spellings are sent home on a **Friday** ready to be tested the following **Friday**.
- Mental maths tests will be every Monday.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as discussed above;
- Please check [www.school360.co.uk](http://www.school360.co.uk) and the school website regularly for updates/photos.
- Water bottles (**full, water only**) should be sent to school on a daily basis.



## Curriculum Information

Year 4  
Autumn Term 1

All Around the World!

# Literacy



The children will be learning about fables this half term having a go at writing their own. We will use Aesop's fables as a basis for drama, and developing the children's ideas for their own stories.

We shall also be looking at and appreciating poetry, creating images and developing descriptive language.

Throughout the term we shall continue to look at developing our use of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar.

# ICT



In ICT we will be focusing on staying safe when using a variety of different technologies.

We will use software to develop our word processing skills and also to do research and present information about our Geography topic.

# Geography



This term our topic is 'All Around the World!' We will be learning to name, identify and label the continents, Oceans and Countries of the World, especially those in Europe. The children will independently research a country of their choice.

We will also learn about using atlases, including features such as lines of latitude and longitude, and time zones across the world. We will also look at grid references, symbols and keys to build our knowledge of the UK and the wider world.

# Science

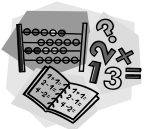


This half term we will be looking at the wildlife and the environment as part of our Living Things and their Habitats topic. We will use a range of methods to group and classify living things, and create classification keys to help us identify different animals. We will look at the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates, and go on an invertebrate hunt in the school grounds.

We will carry out scientific enquiries including an examination of the impact of manmade changes on the local environment.

We also hope to get out of the classroom to take part in a science workshop looking at the lifecycle of the mayfly in our local area, and to explore the habitats of British wildlife.

# Numeracy



This half term we will be thinking about strategies to solve counting, partitioning and calculating problems involving place value and ordering 4 digit numbers.

We will also be looking at securing number facts and understanding properties of shape to include 2D and 3D drawings.

We will also be investigating and developing our understanding of handling data and measurements to include graph work, scale-reading and estimating, comparing and calculating different measures.

# RE / PSHCE



This half term we will be studying the topics of God and David and the psalms.

We will read the stories of David including David anointed as king, David and Goliath, David and Jonathan, David persecuted by Saul, David spares Saul's life, David king of Israel and David gives advice to Solomon.

We will also discuss important values such as friendship, and stories of Christians who have overcome their own personal 'Goliaths'.

We will read the Psalms and use the words and images to explore the nature of God.