

Literacy

Grammarsaurus

We will be learning about sentence structure, conjunctions, and how to use commas, apostrophes, and speech marks correctly. We will also look at word types such as nouns, verbs, and adjectives, as well as fronted adverbials and possessive pronouns.

Stone Age Boy



A curious boy is out wandering in the woods one day, when he falls down, down, down. When he wakes up, he finds he is completely lost and has been transported back in time. He walks and walks and finally finds a strange girl, called Om. She welcomes him into her clan and teaches him how to hunt, make tools, use animal skins and prepare and cook food. One day, when exploring a dark cave, the two friends come face to face with a terrifying bear. Will they escape?

Ask Dr K Fisher



Ask Dr K Fisher about Animals answers the problems that plague wild animals - about food chains, life cycles and other important aspects of animals' lives.

'WOW DAY'

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to learning and performing our harvest play at Highweek Church. We will be learning harvest songs and looking at a fictional harvest story.

Harvest Feast

We will learn about the crops that are harvested in the autumn in the UK and discuss the health benefits. We will make a soup using seasonal vegetables.

Panto

To end the term, we will be celebrating by visiting the Princess Theatre to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Maths



Number and Place Value

We will begin the year by revisiting the first unit of the White Rose Maths. We will be working on our number sense and cementing our foundations of Year 3 and 4 Maths.

Addition and Subtraction

Building on the learning from KS1, we shall focus on the most efficient strategies for addition and subtraction. We will be practising using real life reasoning problems.

Multiplication and Division

We will be practicing counting in multiples of 1 to 12. Learning our times table. We will solve problems that include missing numbers. We will begin to use the formal method of multiplication.

Topic

Where do we come from?



Reading

Class Read: *Why the Whales Came* by Michael Morpurgo. This is a story set during World War I on the small island of Bryher, part of the Isles of Scilly. It follows two children, Gracie and Daniel, who befriend an isolated man known as the Birdman. Despite local superstitions that he's cursed, they discover he's a kind man with a deep understanding of nature and the island's history. The story touches on themes of friendship, fear, and the environment, with a central mystery about why the whales stranded on the island years ago. The children ultimately learn about the importance of compassion and understanding.

History



Stone Age

In this exciting history topic, we will be learning all about the stone age: when it happened? What happened? What was different? What art styles did they use? How has life changed since the stone age?

Geography



Countries of the World

Pupils will have the opportunity locate the world's countries, using maps. They will also look at the geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of a range of regions. The children will also use their geographical skills and fieldwork when using atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

PE

Children will be accessing two PE sessions a week. They are expected to change into our school PE Kit. This term the children will work on improving spatial awareness, balance and agility through learning sports fundamentals. They apply these skills participating in invasion games such as football.

Spellings

We will be exploring new spellings each week from the Year 3/4 statutory spelling list as the child tries to beat their best. The children will learn how to use the prefixes 'in, il, im and ir' and the spelling pattern 'ei, eigh and ey'.

Alongside this, our grammar focus will be the use of possessive apostrophes as well as understanding different homophones.

RE

How Do Festivals and Worship Show What Matters to a Muslim?

This unit explores how key Muslim festivals, such as Ramadan and Eid, along with practices of worship like Salah (prayer), express core beliefs and values in Islam.

How Do Festivals and Family Life Show What Matters to Jews?

In this unit, students will investigate how Jewish festivals, such as Passover and Hanukkah, alongside family traditions and customs, highlight central values of Judaism, including faith, heritage, and community.

Grammar & Punctuation

There will also be a focus on using a range of conjunctions to extend sentences and use expanded nouns.

The children will work on using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech and use adverbial phrases too.

Children will explore nouns using a range of prefixes and look at word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning (for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble).

We will also be looking at determiners a, or, an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel and explore the grammatical difference between plural and possessive.

Computing

Further coding with Scratch

Children will be designing, writing and debugging programs. They will also use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

Data Handling: Investigating weather

Children will use the web to research the different temperatures of cities and record them accurately. They will also have the opportunity to design a weather station that records and gathers data. As well as this they will create a video that includes weather forecast information.

Music

Bamboo Tamboo

Children will be learning to play the Bamboo Tamboo with a focus on pulse and rhythm. They will work on playing as part of an ensemble and composing their own rhythms to create a class piece.



Art

Pre-Historic Art

This topic is a great link for our History topic: The Stone Age. We will explore different styles of art and techniques, experimenting with charcoal, berries, leaves, homemade paints and more. The children will get a sense of what it was like to create art thousands of years ago and why these pieces were created.

DT

Eating Seasonally

We will be exploring where in the world our foods come from based on the different climates. We will also discover the environmental affects of eating seasonal fruits and vegetables. The children will also be given the opportunity to create their own recipe using seasonal fruit and vegetables and have a go at making it for themselves!

Modern Foreign Languages

We will learn new verbs, such as "aimer" (to like), and learn to describe possessions using basic adjectives. We will focus on family members and personal belongings and articulate simple descriptions and preferences. We will practice grammar, such as using plural nouns and the negative form in conversations. We will describe actions in the present tense, enhancing our ability to communicate about everyday situations.



Science

Animals including humans

Children will be taught how to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.