

Spring Term 2017 Curriculum Overview – Year 4

English

This term, the class reader is *Goodnight Mister Tom*; the children will practise reading aloud and discuss some of the themes of the book, such as friendship, responsibility and loss.

The children will also learn about the history of the English language and explore different kinds of prose and poetry genres. They will write short poems and learn a poem by heart.

There are weekly spelling tests of approximately 50 words and frequent chances to use the new words in practice sentences.

Science

This term we will focus on states of matter, i.e. solids, liquids and gases. We will describe each state of matter and their properties. We will also take a look at temperature and the water cycle.

History of Art

This term we will continue our look at the key movements and individuals who have created some of the 20th century's best known works of art.

Mathematics

This term, we will carry on our work on fractions, learning to place them on a number line, to simplify them and to find a common denominator. We will also learn about improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In measurement, we will learn about capacity and masses.

In geometry, we will discover 3D shapes and their properties.

We will also study number patterns, and in statistics we will build, read and learn to interpret charts, graphs and diagrams.

Humanities

In history, we will enter the fantastic world of Ancient Greece, its traditions and Gods, its myths and wars. We also will discover the Greek alphabet.

In geography, we will learn about rivers and weather and climate.

Music

This term pupils will enjoy John Williams' film music and discover some famous ballets and dancers. They will also have an introduction to different political systems which will be linked to national anthems and World Music.

History

Drama

The children will develop their communication skills using the body and the voice, concentrating on volume, diction and projection.

Music

The focus will be in establishing the foundation of Sol-fa singing using Kodály exercises. Reading and writing of treble clef notation in one octave will be the main goals this term. Development of inner hearing through singing, clapping and listening exercises.

French

The children will learn to talk and write about food and hobbies. They will also carry their work in *La langue des Français* from lesson 13 and learn about parts of speech (direct object pronoun). In reading, they will be introduced to Jean de la Fontaine and his *Fables* and discover other stories. **CNED** will explore the beautiful world of poetry and, in conjugation, they will study the future tense.

Art

After being introduced to American animals and landscapes via strong visuals and rainforest sounds, the children will create their own landscapes.

Pupils will also make their own personalised 3D chocolate mould and create several portraits as well as trying to recreate traditional animistic masks from South American regions.

Sport

Year 4 will be playing football, netball and unihoc learning and practising new skills and developing team work. They will also concentrate on the fundamentals of sports: agility, balance and co-ordination to allow them to develop their transferable skills.

Ballet

This term we will work on our RAD syllabus readying ourselves for an assessment at the end of term. We will improve our technique and our memory recall. We will also continue to work on core strength and the lines in our arms. We will also prepare for our showcase at the end of term.