

Spring Term 2020 Curriculum Overview - Year 4

English

This term, we will continue reading Greek myths, building up a knowledge of the most famous stories. The children will practise reading aloud and get a chance to discuss the characters and events, as well as looking at how these are depicted in painting and sculpture. We will also read a number of poems, and each child will learn one by heart. We are forging ahead with our spelling programme and continue to tackle reading comprehensions of increasing difficulty. The main grammar topics this term are forming plurals and synonyms, antonyms, and prefixes.

Mathematics

This term, we will continue to work in depth on fractions and link them to decimals and percentages. In statistics, we will build, read and learn to interpret charts, graphs and diagrams.

In measurement, we will work on capacity and mass using measuring cups, scales, and all kinds of ingredients.

In geometry, the children will discover different types of angles and how to measure them using a protractor.

History of Art

The children will continue with their journey through the key movements in western art, beginning with a close look at the Baroque era in Italy and The Netherlands with Caravaggio and the Dutch Golden Age. Where possible, works of art on display in key locations in London and Paris will provide the focus for each lesson.

French Drama

This term, we will work together on a small play about Paris in French. The children will use their imagination and improvisation skills to develop ideas for a story. They will also work on imagining and creating different characters that are both believable and credible to the audience.

French

The children will learn to talk about their city. By the end of the term, they will be able to read a map and ask for directions in French. They will also explore the different shops and modes of public transport within a city. They will make a short video to practise expressing themselves in French. They will also start preparing for their trip to Paris and study French books to learn about the French capital.

CNED: This term, CNED CE2 will continue to work on the imperative form with recipes and instructions, and will then turn to documentary and factual texts. The students are now developing an awareness of singular/plural and feminine/masculine in grammar. CNED CM1 will mainly focus on the study of poetry this term. In grammar, they will learn the future and imparfait tenses.

Humanities

In geography, the children will learn about rivers, mountains, natural disasters and the weather forecast. We will also talk about towns and how urbanisation spreads.

The pupils will also put together a powerpoint presentation about a country of their own choice. They will continue to discover a range of countries and monuments through our weekly "Photo Mystère".

Creative writing

This term, we will continue to work on the structure of narratives. Using the works of various writers for inspiration, we will look at how to expand sentences in order to write engaging descriptions. In class we will use drama activities to stimulate ideas, and the children will use their 'Ideas' books and story mountains to help them create and organise their stories.

Music

The children will consolidate their knowledge of the orchestra with all its groups and various instruments, while learning more about string and woodwind instruments. They will discover some famous orchestral pieces from the Classical and Romantic periods and see how the composers have used a certain instrument to create a particular colour or mood.

Art

We will look at different countries in Africa and the different kinds of masks that are used in traditional ceremonies and rituals. Each child will design and make their own mask, using cardboard, papier mache and various materials for embellishment. We will further explore this topic, learning about how African primitive art has influenced artists, in particular Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse.

Science

This term, the children will be learning about electricity. We will find out how to build circuits and how to be safe around electricity.

The children will also learn about the classification of organisms and their life processes. The spring term will culminate in finding out more about the preservation and conservation of wildlife.

Ballet

This term, the children will focus on developing their ability to portray a story or a character through dance. They will also continue to learn how to work well individually and as part of a team, taking movements and developing them into a larger phrase.

Sport

This term, the children will be swimming, developing their gymnastic skills and further developing their team games skills through football.