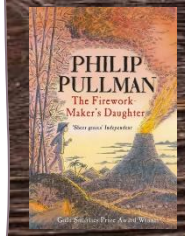
Autumn Two in Year 4

English

In English, we are continuing to read Phillip Pullman's novel called the Firework Maker's Daughter. The children have enjoyed exploring this book through drama and we will continue to do so this half term. This half term, we will continue to use this text to inspire our writing. We will learn to write a setting description, newspaper and a diary entry. We will also recap our grammar knowledge by recapping sentence structure. We will learn about different conjunctions and how these can be used in our writing to extend our sentences.

We are reading...





At the end of each day, we will continue to read a story for enjoyment. This story will be called 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'. The children have really enjoyed this story so far and are very much looking forward to finding out what happens in the end! They have made some fantastic predictions.

Maths

We will then spend the most of this half term learning our times tables. This will be very important for our Multiplication Timestable Check. This will also help us to multiply and divide numbers, which will be the main teaching of next half term. We will learn how to multiply up to 4-digit numbers using the formal written method before moving onto division.

DT

In DT, we will be designing a Christmas decoration. The children will learn how to design and make a Christmas bauble using textiles and sewing techniques. They will learn how to complete a running, backstitch and whip stitch before being able to select the most appropriate stitch for each element of my bauble.

Science

This term, our topic is Digestion and Food Chains. Building on previous learning about healthy diets and how animals depend on each other, children will explore the digestive system and learn the simple functions of its main parts, identify the different types of human teeth and their roles, and construct and interpret food chains to understand producers, predators, and prey.

Geography

This half term we will be continue to complete our mountain topic We will begin to look at OS maps and start to use them to plan walks. We will explore what these maps tell us and start to use four grid references to find different attractions on an OS map. We will then explore Snowdon and compare the climate of Snowdon to that of Mount Everest using climo-graphs. Finally, we will discuss the impact tourism has on the villages in or near a mountain range.

Music

This half term the children will continue to learn how to read music and perform it. In Cherry 4, the children will continue with their tuned percussion lessons with Mr Fletcher. The children will be learning about how to perform as a class using different melodies. In Beech 4, the children will be using The Pink Panther theme tune to set the mood for the telling of the film's story. This theme tune provides the foundation for experiencing musical storytelling through listening and composing activities.

PSHE

This half term's topic is called, 'Celebrating Differences. We will learn how to respect similarity and difference. We will also explore anti-bullying and how important it is to be unique. The children will be exploring this through a mindful approach.

Computing

This half term we will be learning how to program. We will be using a programme called FMSLogo. The children will learn different commands to input into the programme for a desired outcome. The children will then learn how to create an algorithm for a desired outcome, before learning how to use a 'loop' to repeat patterns in an algorithm,

PE

This half term Beech 4 will continue to go swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. They must remember to bring their swimming kit (swimming shorts/costume, goggles and towel) to school on a Wednesday. Cherry 4 will be exploring patterns in dance.