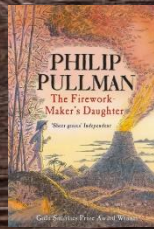


Autumn One in Year 4

English

In English, we are reading Phillip Pullman's novel called the Firework Maker's Daughter. This is an adventure story about a young girl (Lila) who wants to become a firework maker just like her father. However, Lila must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend. We will use this text to inspire our writing. We will learn to write setting descriptions, character descriptions and instructional writing. We will also recap our grammar knowledge by recapping word classes. We will then learn how to use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

We are reading...



At the end of each day, we will read a story for enjoyment. This story will be called 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'. This story is about a girl who ends up escaping her village on the back of a stolen elephant. Even though she leaves her village a thief, she hopes to return as a hero!

Maths

At the start of this term we will be recapping our knowledge of place value. We will learn how to represent numbers up to 1000. We will learn how to partition these numbers. Once we have a secure knowledge in number, we will then learn how to round numbers and order them in ascending or descending order.

Science

This half term we will learn about Human Impact on our Environment. We will investigate the impact of litter in our school and if it decomposes. We will find out how micro-plastics get into the food chain, how we can prevent these from polluting our seas and oceans then finish investigating how to clean up birds affected by oil spillages.

Art

This half term we will be answering the question: Can art create unity/diversity? We will be using Jo Cox's quote, "We are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us" and the front cover of the page 'Wonder' to help us understand why identity and unity are important. We will be developing our drawing skills, using sketching pencils. We will also learn to draw with pen to create texture and different forms as well as water colour to mix colours to add tone and shade.



Geography

This half term we will be learning about mountains. We will locate mountains and mountain ranges on an atlas using an index. We will discover what it is like to climb the tallest mountain in the world. We will carry out virtual fieldwork by taking a virtual trip to Mount Everest. This will involve tracking the altitude and climate along the way as well as observing how the landscape changes. We will also be investigating the impact tourism has on mountain regions.

Music

This term, Year 4 pupils will be learning to play the xylophone as part of their music lessons. They will develop their understanding of rhythm, pulse and melody while learning correct playing techniques and performing simple pieces together. Through exploring different notes and patterns, children will build their confidence, listening skills and teamwork, as well as gaining an appreciation of how music is created and performed.

PSHE

This half term's topic is called, 'Being me in my world'. The children will be answering the question: who am I and how do I fit it? They will also learn how to become a good school's citizen and consider how they can help make the school a better community.

Computing

This half term we will be learning about the internet and how the internet works. We will be considering the safe use of the internet and how this looks in and outside of school. We will explore the term 'copyright' and 'ownership' and what this means as well as considering what happens when we put something on the internet.

PE

This half term Beech 4 will be going 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 learning Gymnastics.