



Here is our overview of what Year 4 are learning in the Spring term. Be sure to watch out for dates regarding trips, workshops and visitors as we try to build on a fantastic first term. **LET'S GO YEAR FOUR!**

Reading

We have two texts to work through in our reading. The first is *Volcanoes* by Maria Gill. This book is erupting with information about Volcanoes, tectonic plates and natural disasters. We will be analysing the facts and refamiliarising ourselves with contents, glossary and index pages.

Our next book is *Ariki and the Island of Wonders* by Nicola Davis. This fiction book follows the story of Ariki and Ipo as they discover an unusual island after getting lost at sea during a tropical storm.

R.E

Our first topic of the term is about Hinduism in Britain. We will be investigating different Mandirs and looking at how Hindus show faith within their families. We will also learn about an important sacred text, the Bhagavad Gita.

We will then move on to our Easter topic, which revolves around the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

English

Firstly, we will have our poetry week based around *The Lost Property Office* by Roger McGough. We will be making list poems and exploring rhyming couplets.

Next, we'll be drawing our swords and delving into the legend of Beowulf! Our two main focuses of this text will be description and writing mythical stories.

Lastly, we will be looking at *Coming to England* by Florella Benjamin. This book recalls the journey that a young girl makes from the Caribbean to start her new life in London. We will be using this text to write a letter in role recounting events of a story.

Maths

We will continue our big push on times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check in the Summer. This will involve lots of practice on the iPads to increase speed and accuracy.

In our lessons, we are learning to answer a wide range of reasoning questions, and we will be covering areas such as length and perimeter, fractions and decimals and money.

Each morning, we will be doing arithmetic starters which will boost skills in mental maths and methods for calculations. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time to access this important learning.

Learning in other subjects

History – During history, we have started learning about the Vikings, Saxons and Scots. We are looking at which invasions took place and how they impacted the areas and those living within them.

Computing – We will be looking at digital citizenship and coding using the Google Chromebooks and iPads.

Science – The class will be exploring sound and electricity.

PSHE – During PSHE, children will be looking at mental health, expressing feelings and trust. We will also be looking at strategies for meditation and positivity (watch out for them in the well being section of the homework!).

P.E. – Is dance, dance, DANCE! When the weather warms up we will also be looking at racket sports.