

## ENGLISH

Stories where characters travel to other worlds have long been popular in children's fiction. Pupils will study the features of such stories through reading *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. They will look at how the author builds a creepy atmosphere through language choices and how speech can add interest to the narrative. Pupils will then design their own fictional worlds, presenting these to their classmates. They will create their own heroes and villains and write the stories of these characters. Throughout this unit children will reflect on their work, often with the help of their peers. They will have the opportunity to improve their writing based on this feedback.

## HISTORY

This term the children will be studying a local history topic on the Royal Docks. They will begin by learning about how the River Thames and the Royal Docks connected east London to the rest of the world, as well as the goods which arrived there. They will learn about the docks as a centre for employment and find out about working conditions there. In addition, they will devise their own historically-related questions about this part of London's history.

## SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Electricity', the children will work in small groups to construct and draw simple circuits. They will explore which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. The children will also carry out their own scientific investigations to identify and test questions such as 'Why does a bulb become brighter?' and 'What causes the flow of electricity to stop in a circuit?'

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## RE

In RE the children are studying the topic 'What happens when someone gets married?' They will think about what a wedding celebration is, what it means to 'celebrate' and consider the importance of marriage. The children will learn about and sequence the different stages of Jewish, Muslim and Hindu weddings. They will also visit a local church where they will see a pretend Christian wedding ceremony and attend a reception.

## MATHEMATICS

Pupils will be continuing their work on decimals through ordering and rounding decimal numbers as well as comparing them to fractions. The children will divide whole numbers by 10 and 100 before practising their addition, subtraction and multiplication skills by solving problems relating to money. Finally, children will investigate the units of measurement we use in relation to mass, volume and length.

## COMPUTING

In addition to learning about the importance of Internet safety, the children will be working in small groups to record and edit their own audio clips, as well as adding effects and layering different audio tracks. Children will use these skills to present their knowledge from other areas of the curriculum.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

This half term children will be learning to sew through designing and creating felt hand puppets. These button-eyed creations link to our English work on *Coraline*. The children will thread needles, practise different stitches and attach buttons and other accessories to their puppets.

## PE

Swimming lessons will start for 4M. For indoor PE, 4B, 4S and 4H will be focusing on gymnastics. The children will develop their skills; learning how to roll and balance in various ways, as well as travelling across different apparatus. For outdoor games, they will be developing their cricket skills; improve their batting, bowling and fielding abilities.