

## ENGLISH

This half term, the children will be writing their version of a story set in another world. After looking at *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman, they will develop story writing skills, such as using dialogue to give insights into characters' personalities and motivations. The focus will be on creating detailed descriptions to engage the reader and using various figurative language tools. In addition, children will be working on employing different ways of starting sentences, structuring their work in paragraphs.

## SCIENCE

In the 'Animals including Humans' topic children will learn about the human digestive system. This will include understanding what the functions of different types of teeth are, as well as learning about how to look after your teeth.

## PE

Badminton and cricket will be the sports that we will focus on this half term. Children will be developing hand-eye co-ordination in both sports as well as moving into position to catch a ball or hit a shuttlecock.

## PSHE

Within our theme of relationships, children will be looking at the emotions and dynamics experienced within them, both positive and negative and how to manage them. The themes of friendship, jealousy, love and loss will be discussed.

## MUSIC

This term Y4 will be exploring ascending and descending melodies. They will listen to music from various film soundtracks and learn to play a piece on a glockenspiel.

## FRENCH

French food, cafés, ordering and menus - 'Yum Yum' - or 'Miam, Miam'! This half term, children will be introduced to food vocabulary and will revise numbers to 100, this time in the context of money and prices. The children will be encouraged to develop their language detective skills and confidence in conversational French.

## MATHEMATICS

Fractions will be the focus for this half term. Year 4 will be learning how to recognise common fractions. Further, pupils will look at fractions by examining fractions of quantities and fractions of shapes and recognise families of common equivalent fractions. Links will be made to key fractions such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  and their decimal equivalents, which children will learn to compare. Furthermore, pupils will add and subtract fractions, applying this knowledge to help them solve and create word problems.

## COMPUTING

This half term, pupils will be exploring how computers can receive and transmit light and sound to interact with their surroundings. They will then apply this learning to program a BBC Micro:bit microchip to display different visual and audio messages.

## RE

We will learn about Newham's religions by collecting and interpreting evidence from a range of sources. Pupils will develop their understanding of the ways individuals and communities express their identities.

## GEOGRAPHY

Gaining knowledge is the key focus in Geography this half term. Children will be developing their geographical skills and knowledge of East London and London in general - identifying human and physical features that make up our city - as well as acquiring basic map reading skills using Ordnance Survey maps. They will learn important life skills such as using the London Transport Network.

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## YEAR 4

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