

## ENGLISH

This half-term, the children will be writing their version of a narrative set in another world. After reading the book *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, pupils will be working on employing different ways of starting sentences and structuring their work in paragraphs.

## HISTORY

Year 4 will visit the London Museum Docklands as part of their study of the Royal Docks. They will learn 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. We will also focus on the Docks as a centre for immigration and employment.

## PE

In Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA) learners plan and refine strategies to solve problems in a set task. They will use maps, compasses and symbols in their activities. Indoor PE will be playing badminton, where children will learn how to hold and swing a racquet as well as develop their skills in serving, so the shuttlecock lands in the opponent's court.

## 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 these feelings. The themes of friendship, jealousy, love and loss will also be discussed.

## MUSIC

Pupils will build on their knowledge of music notation reading having learnt Tchaikovsky ballet music on the glockenspiel last term. They will play one-line songs on the keyboard to develop dexterity on both hands using natural, flat and sharp notes (white and black keys).

## FRENCH

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.

## MATHEMATICS

In Year 4, pupils will focus on recognising mixed numbers and improper fractions, learning how to convert between the two forms and write mathematical statements. They will identify and represent families of equivalent fractions using diagrams. Additionally, children will compare, order, partition and combine mixed numbers. Solving simple measurement problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places will also be an area of study. To reinforce their learning, Year 4 will have the opportunity to consolidate their skills through weekly homework set through LbQ. (<https://www.lbq.org/task>).

## COMPUTING

Pupils will learn how digital images can be edited, resaved, and reused. We will also explore how Generative AI Image tools can be used to create digital images. Children will consider the impact of editing and then evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

## RE

We will learn about Newham's religions by collecting data from a range of sources. Children will learn about the way individuals and communities express their identities, as well as comparing different religious beliefs.

## SCIENCE

In our 'Animals including Humans' topic, children will learn about the human digestive system. They will understand the importance of teeth and gain knowledge that these are the start of the digestive process. This will include exploring and understanding what the functions of different types of teeth are. Additionally, children will be learning about how to clean and protect their own teeth.

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## YEAR 4

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