

### English

This half term, Year 4 will be exploring Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold. Children will discuss the theme of freedom and write their own poem about what freedom means to them.

They will also write a diary entry in role as the main character, focusing on expressing thoughts and feelings. Throughout their writing, pupils will develop their use of direct speech punctuation and a range of sentence types.

### Geography

This half term, Year 4 will explore rivers and their importance to people and the environment. Children will learn about the different features of a river, its journey from source to mouth, and how rivers shape the landscape. They will use maps and geographical vocabulary to investigate rivers and their impact on the world around us.



### Music

This half term, Year 4 will explore how changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics can be used to create different musical effects. Through the theme of rivers, children will listen to, perform and compose music, developing their understanding of how music can represent movement, mood and atmosphere.

### PSHE

This half term, Year 4 will learn about maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Children will explore the importance of oral hygiene and dental care, as well as how to use medicines and household products safely. They will also learn about drugs that are commonly found in everyday life and understand how they can affect health and wellbeing.

### Maths

This half term, Year 4 will be exploring tenths and hundredths as decimals and understanding how they relate to fractions. Children will learn to partition decimals, compare and order decimal numbers, and round decimals to the nearest whole number. They will develop their fluency and reasoning skills through a range of practical and problem-solving activities.



### Science

This half term, pupils are continuing to learn how living things are classified by their characteristics, exploring plants, animals and microorganisms and using simple classification keys. Including, how habitats change over time due to natural processes and human impact, and consider how these changes affect living things. Children will then move onto investigating how different liquids flow and compare their properties through practical enquiries. Children will make observations, carry out fair tests and use their results to identify patterns and explain their findings.



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### PE

This half term, Year 4 will develop their gymnastics skills in indoor PE, using floor work, benches, table tops, springboards, boxes, climbing frames and ropes to improve balance, strength, control and coordination. In outdoor PE, children will take part in athletics and net and wall games, developing their running, jumping, throwing, catching and racket skills, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship.

### MFL

In French lessons this half term, Year 4 will learn the names of a variety of food and drink items in French. They will practise asking for what they would like to eat and drink, building their speaking and listening skills. Children will also design and create their own menu using their new French vocabulary.

### Computing

This half term, Year 4 will consolidate their understanding of online safety. Children will learn how to stay safe online, protect their personal information, identify trustworthy content and understand how to respond to situations that may make them feel uncomfortable. They will explore how to use the internet responsibly and respectfully.

### DT

This half term, Year 4 will explore mechanical systems by designing and making their own moving cars. Children will investigate how wheels and axles work, develop their designing and construction skills, and evaluate their finished products to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

### RE

This half term, Year 4 will explore Hinduism, focusing on the questions: What do Hindus believe God is like? and What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? Children will learn about Hindu beliefs, worship and traditions, and consider how faith influences the lives of Hindus in modern Britain.

### How you can support your child at home

- Spelling and reading of Year 3 & 4 words using games such as silly sentences.
- Regular use of Times table rockstars
- Daily reading
- If possible, taking your child swimming.