

Spring Term 2

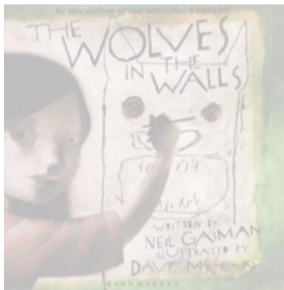
Year 3 and 4



English

The Wolves in the Walls

This half-term we will be reading *The Wolves in the Walls* by Neil Gaiman. Children will talk about different fears people might have and how we can face them with courage and imagination. They will relate to the main character, Lucy, who bravely stands up to her own fears and helps her family do the same. Through themes like fear, bravery and honesty, pupils will develop a better understanding of themselves, others, and the world around them. Reading is at the heart of this unit. Children will explore how the words and pictures work together to tell the story and create meaning. They will also complete a range of purposeful writing activities for different audiences and reasons. Grammar and punctuation will be taught as part of their reading and writing lessons. At the end of the unit, pupils will use everything they have learned to create their own illustrated (multimodal) story.



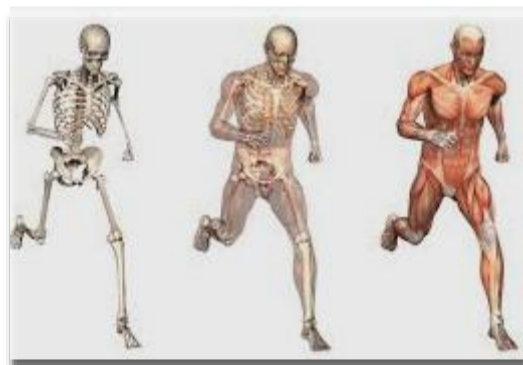
Science

Nutrition, Skeleton and Muscles

Children will explore what our bodies need to stay healthy. They will learn about the main food groups, what makes a balanced diet and how nutrients help our bodies to grow, repair and stay energised. We will also think about healthy lifestyle choices and why they are important.

As part of our learning about the body, pupils will study the human skeleton. They will find out how our skeleton supports us, protects vital organs and helps us to move. The children will learn the names of some key bones and compare human skeletons with those of other animals.

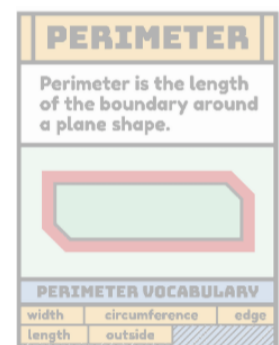
The unit will also cover how muscles work. Pupils will discover how muscles help us move and how they work in pairs to pull on bones. There will be opportunities for practical activities and simple investigations to help deepen understanding.



Maths

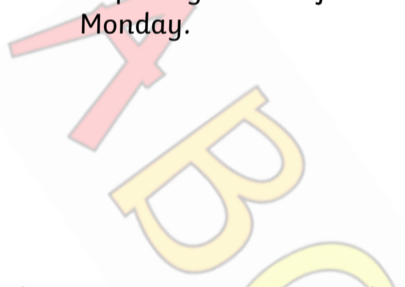
Length, Perimeter and Fractions

This half term in Maths, children will be focusing on length, perimeter and fractions. They will develop their understanding of measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres, comparing and ordering lengths, and adding and subtracting measurements to solve problems. They will also learn that perimeter is the distance around a shape and practise finding it by adding the lengths of each side. In fractions, children will explore recognising and representing fractions of shapes and quantities, understanding numerators and denominators, identifying equivalent fractions, and comparing and ordering fractions. Throughout the unit, pupils will use practical resources and reasoning skills to explain their thinking and apply their learning to real-life contexts.



Spelling

Children will have spelling lessons every Monday where they will learn a new spelling rule. They will be given activities through the week to practise this rule and will have a spelling test the following Monday.



Handwriting & Letter Formation

As a school, we have a real focus on handwriting this year and will have regular handwriting practise in order to learn and practise forming letters and joining correctly.

PE

'Football and Swimming'

On Tuesday afternoons the children will have a gymnastics lesson. Please ensure children have full indoor and outdoor PE kits. See planner for correct PE kits.

Children will have swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon – please make sure children have their swimming costumes, a towel, hair bobbles for long hair and hairbrush.



RSHE

Our key questions that we will be covering this half term are: How do I keep my body healthy? How do I get a healthy diet? How do I stop getting ill?



RE

How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

We will be exploring the belief system that Jewish people follow and the importance of the different festivals and how they worship.

History

Stone Age to Iron Age

This half term in History, children will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will explore how people lived during these periods, including how homes, tools and food changed over time. The children will learn about important developments such as farming, metalwork and the building of monuments like Stonehenge. They will consider how life evolved from the early Stone Age through the Bronze Age and into the Iron Age. Throughout the topic, pupils will use historical evidence to ask questions and understand how these changes shaped Britain's past.



DT

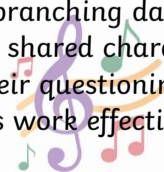
Food – A healthy and varied diet

This half term in DT, children will be learning about food and nutrition, focusing on what makes a healthy and varied diet. They will explore the different food groups and discuss how ingredients contribute to a balanced meal. As part of their learning, children will design and make their own fruit crumble, considering taste, texture and appearance. They will practise key cooking skills such as measuring, mixing and preparing ingredients safely. Throughout the unit, pupils will evaluate their finished product and reflect on how it meets the design brief.

Computing

Branching Databases

This half term in Computing, children will be learning about branching databases. They will understand how data can be organised and sorted using yes/no questions to identify objects or information. Pupils will create and use their own branching databases to group items based on shared characteristics. They will develop their questioning skills to ensure their databases work effectively and accurately.



Music Ukulele

Children will learn about rhythm and notation whilst taking part in ukelele lessons.