

## Year 4 Spring Term I

### English

In English this half term, we will begin by writing our own Tale of Fear focusing on how to show fear rather than tell fear. We will then look at a poetry, writing our own Haikus. In spelling, we will identify words using prefixes 'il-', 'ir-', 'auto' and 'anti-' and the suffix '-ous' as well as learning various strategies to help learn, remember and apply Year 3 and 4 words. In Reading, we will practice their VIPERS skills through the book *Dead Good Detectives* by Jenny McLachlan.

### Science

In Science, we will be looking at States of Matter. We will focus closely on solids, liquids and gases identifying their properties and uses. We will be investigating how materials can change state by observing materials as they are heated and cooled.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at Rivers and Mountains. Children will be able to explain what a mountain landscape is and locate mountain landscapes in the UK. Children will then extend their knowledge by listing the different features of a mountain landscape. We will also look at the journey of a river and be able to describe the changes which happen along the river's journey before moving onto landforms.

### PE

In PE, we will start swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon. We will have an additional PE lesson focusing on Tag Rugby. Children will work on basic defending and attacking as well as developing their stamina to compete in competitive games.



### RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the theme of Community and how the laity are an integral part of supporting the parish community. We will look at our local church and the events we celebrate with our family, friends and church community. We will begin looking at the theme of The Sacrament of the Eucharist, which focuses on the Mass in great detail and what the signs and symbols used throughout represent.



### Maths

To start this term, we will continue to develop our understanding of multiplication and division through Maths lessons, Mastering Number and daily multiplication tests. We will identify patterns in the 7 times table and use the multiplication facts to solve problems before looking at multiplicative relationships where we will look at factors and their effect on the quotient and the product.

### Art

In Art, we will be completing an Artist Study on Bob Ross. We will focus on his life and complete observations on his art work primarily landscapes. Children will then complete their own Landscape artwork based on their findings.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. In RSE lessons, children will learn about Emotional Well-Being and the difference between feelings and actions, how to manage them and what they can do to keep themselves emotionally healthy. We will also look at Life Cycles exploring the nature of human conception and birth. Children will reflect on change now they are older and will learn how to prepare for new changes, including some coping strategies and how we can learn to rely on the constancy of God.

### French

In French, we will begin the topic Mon Anniversaire. Children will be able to ask someone when their birthday is and be able to respond. They will also be able to say two or three sentences about their daily routine.

### Music

In Music, we will be focusing on a piece of music called *Favourite song*. This is a fast, folk-rock style. During the unit, pupils will learn to sing and play the song on tuned percussion and experience playing in a class band.