Spring Curriculum Overview – Year 4

English

Science/Computing

To use metaphors and rhyme to create a poem

- ٠ To use the same number of syllables for each pair of lines
- To retell a traditional tale (Aladdin)

Abc

- To write a non-fiction explanation text explaining the journey of food through the digestive system
- To use appropriate scientific vocabulary ٠
- Practise answering a range of comprehension questions using skills such as vocabulary, retrieval, inference, prediction, explanation and summarising

To support your child with this aspect of their learning you could:

- Read with your child a range of texts
- Discuss with the children about the meaning of any vocabulary • within their text
- . Encourage your child to read aloud with expression
- Ask comprehension questions requiring a deeper level of • understanding (How do you think the character felt? How would you feel if you were the character? Why do you think the character did that?)

Science

- Conduct a range of practical experiments in an accurate manner including use of thermometers and data loggers
- To create a detailed write up of an experiment using appropriate recordings and vocabulary
- Use scientific evidence to answer questions or to support children's ٠ findings
- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they . are solids, liquids or gases
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or • cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
- Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways •
- Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Computing

Geography

- To write an algorithm
- To work with variables in my program •

Maths

- 2 +3 5 Explore different ways that fractions can be represented and showing equivalent fractions
 - . Represent fractions greater than one as mixed number and improper fractions
 - Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator including fractions greater than one
 - Be able to read and convert analogue and digital time 12-hour and . 24-hour clocks
 - Find decimal equivalents to tenths, guarters and halves .
 - Compare and order numbers with same number of decimal places .
 - Multiply and divide by 10 and 100 including decimals ٠
 - Calculate perimeter and area of rectangles and rectilinear shapes

To help your child with this aspect of learning you could:

- Ask a range of times table questions (including division) up to 12 x • 12
- Encourage the children to help tell the time using clocks around . the home
- Encourage children to explain how they have reached their • answer for their calculation
- Support children in playing multiplication and division games on • websites such as Topmarks (www.topmarks.co.uk)

Geography

- Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use and economic activity including trade links
- Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, . including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.
- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America
- Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom
- Understand geographical similarities and differences
- Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human . and physical features in the local area
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world



RHSE/RE/PE



- To plan and set new goals even after a disappointment
- Explain what it means to be resilient and have a positive attitude

RE

- Describe and understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities
- Understand that Vaisakhi is also a New Year and harvest festival in the Puniab
- Learn about the Easter story and its significance to Christians

ΡE

- Explore movement through improvisation, using unison and canon
- Add drama and emotion to the dance
- Understand the rules of handball
 - Develop passing and movement skills

Art/D&T

- Improve children's art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials
- Use a range of media to create the given outcome
- Learn about great artists, architects and designers in history •
- . Evaluate and analyse their creative outcomes
- . Use sketchbooks to record observations

Music/French (KS2)

- To explain where I live and how I look using French
- To compose and perform a rap about anti-bullying
- To learn and perform 'Lean on me'