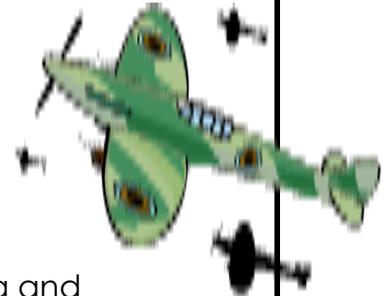


History

This term Class 4 are studying their final topic — the Second World War. Children will learn about various aspects of WW2 primarily focussing on the Home Front, evacuation and life for children during this time. If you have any artefacts, family stories or photos, we'd love to see or hear them!

Children will also have the opportunity to visit the Severn Valley Railway and experience life as an evacuee during this topic!



Geography

The summer term will see children learning about life in India and contrasting village life there with life in the UK.

They will also be researching human geography such as cities and population as well as learning how settlers build and develop villages and towns.

Science

This term the children will be learning about:

Habitats

The children will be identifying a range of habitats and constructing simple branching keys to identify different organisms. We will be investigating the habitat preferences and how animals adapt to different habitats. We will also be looking at food chains.

Core vocabulary: organism, habitat, adapt, animal, plant, vertebrate, invertebrate, carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, predator, prey, producer.

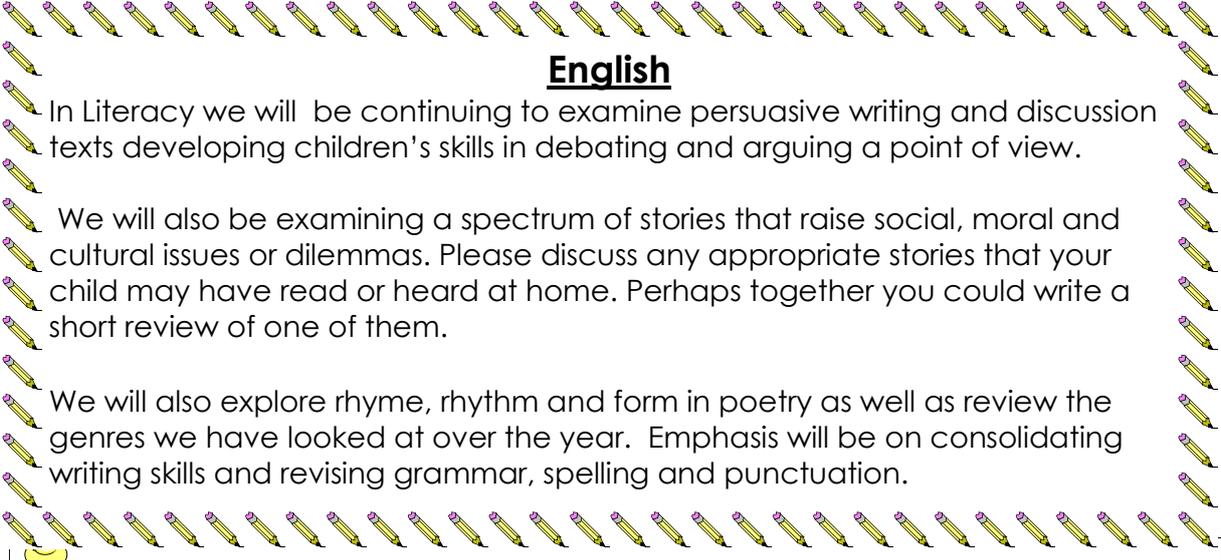
Friction

We will also be looking at Friction. This will involve measuring forces using a forcemeter, investigating friction between surfaces and considering the advantages and disadvantages of friction. Over the term we will be looking at water resistance and air resistance.



Core vocabulary: friction, air resistance, water resistance, force, forcemeter, newton, surface, surface area.





English

In Literacy we will be continuing to examine persuasive writing and discussion texts developing children's skills in debating and arguing a point of view.

We will also be examining a spectrum of stories that raise social, moral and cultural issues or dilemmas. Please discuss any appropriate stories that your child may have read or heard at home. Perhaps together you could write a short review of one of them.

We will also explore rhyme, rhythm and form in poetry as well as review the genres we have looked at over the year. Emphasis will be on consolidating writing skills and revising grammar, spelling and punctuation.



Mathematics

This term we will be developing and refining the children's mental/oral skills, which include using all four operations in a range of strategies. They will be revising topics and developing their knowledge and understanding. They will also be reading a variety of scales. **At home** you could encourage your child to read scales on a variety of kitchen equipment.

Shape and space will also be revisited and children will investigate reflection, translations and turning shapes.

After half term the children move onto developing their understanding of multiplication and division; proportion and reading timetables and calendars. **At home** you can help by looking at timetables and perhaps plotting family birthdays on a calendar. Perhaps you could work out together how long it is till the end of term, a family birthday or the next holiday!



I.C.T. / Art

During ICT this term we will be gathering data and creating graphs using laptops / iPads. We will gather data about weather and use this to create our own weather maps and forecasts.

Art—Children will focus on abstract art and study line, pattern and shape for our project on 'Journeys'. We will also incorporate ICT such as using Google Earth to develop into artwork.

PE / Swimming

This term we will be developing athletic / games and ball skills during our P.E. sessions. We aim to use the field whenever the weather and conditions allow. PE lessons are every **Tuesday**.

Class 4 will go to Bluecoat for swimming lessons for the first half of this term. Children will need to bring swimming kit including hat every **Wednesday**.