

# Little London Academy

Summer 1 2024 Year 4

## **English:**

In their writing lessons, the children will be writing an exciting quest story while we learn how to include the following features:

- possessive and plural apostrophes
- various sentence structures with different openers, using commas to mark clauses and fronted adverbials
- writing and punctuating dialogue

The children will also be learning how to write a non-chronological report about mountains using subheadings, pictures and captions

Our class novel that we will explore in our reading lessons this half-term will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

## **Maths:**

The children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme in their lessons and will be exploring three main topics this half-term. In our first topic, we will continue to explore decimals including:

- Working with hundredths and tenths
- Using decimals to make a whole
- Comparing, ordering and rounding decimals

In our second and third topics, the children will be learning about time and money. We will explore topics such as:

- Converting between pounds and pence
- Solving problems involving money
- Exploring time in days, weeks, months and years
- Converting to and from the 24 hour clock

## **Computing:**

This half-term, the children will develop their ability to use online search engines like Google to support them in completing tasks and finding information effectively. They will continue to learn how to keep themselves safe online.

## **Spellings:**

This half-term, we will continue to explore new spelling rules and perform investigations in our weekly spelling lessons. These will include:

- Changing vowels to pluralise 'old English' words
- Identifying the most common base word used in compound words
- Whether words can end with the letter 'v'

## **Design Technology:**

In DT, the children will be designing and making a moving vehicle that is self-propelling. We will research different ways that we could make a vehicle move by itself and how real vehicles move. We will then design, create and evaluate our own moving vehicles.

## **French:**

The children will continue to develop their understanding of the French language by learning how to talk about animals in the theme 'Le Carnaval des Animaux'.

# Mountains



## **Geography:**

In our geography lessons this half-term, pupils will be exploring mountains. We will be using The Alps mountain range as a case study to explore topics such as:

- Physical and human characteristics of mountains and alpine regions
- Similarities and differences between our local area and alpine regions
- Human and physical geography relating to The Alps

## **RE:**

In this RE topic, the children will be exploring the 5 main pillars of Islam. We will spend time in each lesson focusing on how each pillar represents a different aspect of the Muslim faith.

## **PE:**

Michael Jordan class will begin their third and final block of swimming lessons this half-term, while Neslon Mandela class will be developing their skills in athletics and football.

## **Science:**

In our science topic this half term, we will be re-visiting and developing on learning done in previous years about animals and their habitats. The children will learn how to create a set of keys to help them to identify the habitats a variety of unfamiliar animals call home. They will also investigate pond and seashore animals and common land invertebrates.

## **PSHE:**

In PSHE this half-term, the children will be exploring how the choices they make can make a difference to others and the situations that they may find themselves in.

## **Music:**

The children will learn to perform songs, raps and focus on beat through the themes 'Communication' and 'Time'.

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