

Little London Academy

Spring Half Term 2 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 two main topics this half-term. In our decimals topic. The children will learn how to write tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals, and will also be taught how to identify and position these on a place value chart correctly. We will also be dividing numbers and decimals by 10 and 100.

Once we have completed this topic, the children will begin to explore the topic of money, in which they will learn how to write pounds and pence using decimals, compare larger amounts and perform calculations involving money.

Computing:

This half-term, the children will continue their 'animations' topic. During their lessons, they will be practising using backgrounds and sounds to make more complex and imaginative animations. They will also explore the concept of 'stop-motion' animations and how these are created.

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 French through the themes 'Vive le Sport' and 'Sporting lives'.

Learning Theme: 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:

The children will learn how important events are remembered. Such as significant festivals in all faiths and cultures at different points of the year, e.g. Diwali, Hannukah, Chinese New Year.

PE:

Frida Kahlo class will begin their second block of swimming lessons this half-term, while Rob Burrow class will be developing their skills in Volleyball and Tennis.

Science:

In our science topic this half term, we will be re-visiting and building 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 that a variety of unfamiliar animals call home. They will also investigate pond and seashore animals and common land invertebrates.

PSHE:

In PSHE children will be learning about the changes our bodies undertake as we grow older. We will spend time discussing puberty and the bodily changes that accompany this stage of their life. We will also spend time exploring personal hygiene and healthy routines.

Music:

This half term's topics in music is 'poetry'. In this topic, the children will explore melodies, rhythm and pitch found in poetic themed songs.