

English Writing:

In English we are writing to entertain. We will be learning about the different skills needed for:

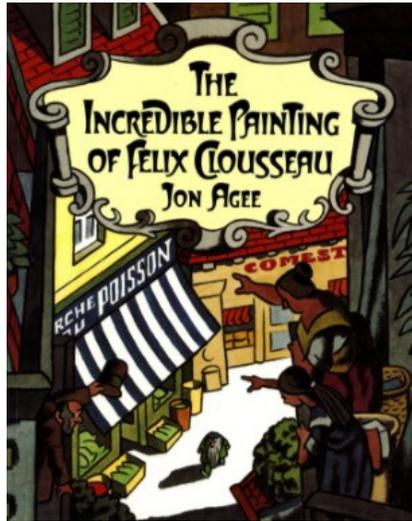
- Writing a mystery story
- Descriptions of characters
- Descriptions of settings



Reading:

The texts we will be using throughout the term are adventure and mystery driven. We will be continuing to develop our reading skills using ERIC, focussing on the novel *Demon Dentist* by David Walliams.

As part of your home reading, you may wish to choose texts that are mystery/adventure themed or alternatively some non-fiction books linked to other areas of our curriculum such as Art and Science.



Year 4

Picture This!

Spring 2018

For the first half term the Year 4 topic, 'Picture This', will combine Literacy, Science and Art.

In Maths we are learning:



- Mental calculation, including recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12x12.
- Multiplication and Division - Recognising and using factor pairs; efficient methods for multiplication; consolidating written methods multiplying 2 digits 1 and 3 digits by 1 and moving on to dividing; Solving problems.

In Art we will focus on colour.

We will study:



- Make colour wheels to show primary and secondary colours and apply colour mixing to own artwork.
- Pointillism and the artist, Seurat learning how to apply colour using dotting, scratching and splashing.
- Positive and negative images

In Science we are learning about 'Light' during the first half term.



We will;

- Recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- Notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes
- Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object Find patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change.



In RE we are learning:

- To investigate a variety of religious symbols and their meaning, within the contexts of Christianity and Hinduism.
- To explore examples of symbolic language and to deepen understanding of some common religious concepts.



In Music we are learning:

- Y4 will be learning how to play basic chords on the Ukulele
- Use voice and instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression
- Listen with attention to detail



In French we are learning:

- Listen and engage, ask and answer questions
- Show understanding of words and phrases
- Broaden vocabulary and develop appropriate pronunciation



In ICT we are learning:

- Use the internet safely and appropriately as a research tool.
- How to find and fix bugs in programs

In PE we are learning:



- To take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges, including problem solving, both individually and within a team
- To develop technique, control and aim in archery.
- Maple class will continue swimming until 29th January



Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school every day and has no earrings in for PE lessons.

Homework:

Written homework will be given out on Fridays.

This should be returned to school on Thursday morning.

Spelling homework continues on a two-week rota with new word lists being issued on a Monday.

The expectation is to listen to your child read **four times a week** and record this in their Reading Diary These will be collected by the class teacher every Monday. If you have written a message for the teacher in the Reading Diary on any other day of the week, please ensure your child shows their teacher that morning. **Children should now be working towards achieving their Silver Award.**

Our school Values - Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration