



Year 4  
Term 2 - 2021  
Something wicked  
this way comes!

Key Areas of Learning



As **Historians** we will be studying Early Civilisation by exploring where and when the first civilisations began. We will also be finding out about the first writing systems and exploring trade in early civilisations. Following this, we will find out about mathematical understanding in early civilisations and explore the technology and inventions and early civilisations. We discuss how all of these aspects differ from how we live today!

As **Scientists** this term, be looking at states of matter! By the end of this unit, we will be able to compare and group materials according to whether they are a liquid, solid or gas. We will also be observing materials changing state when they are heated or cooled. We will then be looking at the water cycle and identify the part played in evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

As **Design Technicians** we will be creating our own spooky towers! We will be ensuring that these towers light up by creating series and parallel circuits. We will also need to use our scientific knowledge of the transference of forces to choose appropriate mechanisms and materials to build our towers with.

As **Musicians** we will be exploring timbre. We will be learning about the basic of body percussion and exploring different sounds. As we develop out body percussion, we will compose our body percussion pieces and perform these to our peers.

English

In English this term, firstly we will be studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. We will use this to write persuasion texts from the point of view of Lady Macbeth. Following this, we will write our very own play scripts! We will then dive into a brilliant text called 'Lemony Snicket - A Series of Unfortunate Events' by Daniel Handler. Based on this text, we will write a recount from the point of view of Lemony. After this, we will be writing book reviews. Along the way, we will be spending a lot of time using a thesaurus and dictionary to find exciting language and check our spellings. Finally, we will be writing poems based on Micheal Rosen's 'You wait 'till I'm older than you' 'Heard it in the Playground', then we will be trying our hand at performing our poems to our peers!

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be using the four operations to solve our 'Quick 10' questions during arithmetic sessions.

We will also be looking at length and perimeter. Within this topic, we will cover equivalent lengths and be introduced to kilometres. We will also add and subtract lengths as well as measuring the perimeter of a shape on a grid, measuring the perimeter of a rectangle and rectilinear shapes.

We will also be covering multiplication and division. We will learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 before focussing on multiplying by 3, 6 and 9.

Every lesson will include some time to use resources practically and some time to use talk to discuss our mathematical thinking with our peers. We will also have lots of opportunities to reason and problem solve through both guided and independent work.

Religious Education

In RE, we will be looking at Christianity. We will be thinking about which part of the Christmas story is the most significant for Christians today.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will think about ways that people can be different and the benefits that come with living in a diverse world. We will also think about how we can celebrate these differences.

Physical Education

In P.E this term, we are focusing on challenging ourselves, improving our performance through regular practice and performing a range of skills with control and consistency.

Computing

In ICT we will be coding, programming and decoding a program using algorithms. To support E-Safety we will be learning what 'Cyberbullying' and how we can protect ourselves.

French

In French, learning numbers 0-20 and looking at common French playground games. We will also be learning the correct vocabulary to sing and act out 'The farmers in the Den' in French.

Enrichment Opportunities - Trip to G+D's Ice-cream parlour

SMSC and well-being

Community

Environment

Enterprise

To develop our SMSC awareness and well-being we will:

- Take part in JHN's Well-being Week 2021.
- Learn about the differences that people have and how we can celebrate these.

As members of our school community we will:

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As pupils concerned with our environment we will:

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As enterprising pupils, we will:

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