

Year 4

This half term our topic is: India (Geography)

English		Mathematics	
In English, we will be using the book The Iron Man by Ted Hughes to do lots of exciting work. We will be writing descriptions, acting out scenes and producing our own newspaper reports after having collected eye witness statements. We will be continuing to work on the key spelling words for Year 4 and improving our grammar skills.		In maths, we will be focusing on money and using this topic to add and subtract large numbers formally, round and order decimals and to solve a range of problems in different contexts. We will also be studying angles (acute, obtuse and right angle) and looking at co-ordinates and grid references.	
Science	ICT	Geography	D.T.
We will be continuing our sound topic this half term. The children will learn the difference between loudness and pitch. They will set up fair tests to investigate what affects the volume of a sound and use data loggers to record their results.	We will be using a range of apps (e.g. Garage Band) to plan and create digital music which will then be performed.	Our Geography topic of India continues this half term. We will be comparing and contrasting different localities in India. We will also looking at the role of fair trade and the impact it has for farmers and local communities.	In D.T, the children will be designing and making their own musical instruments (shakers, drums, stringed instruments), using their scientific knowledge and understanding. They will then create a performance using their instruments.
Physical Education	French	Religious Education	Music
In gymnastics we will be working on balances. For games, the children will be working on striking and fielding skills.	We will continue with French this half term with topics including parts of the body and food preferences.	In RE the children will be studying Judaism and the festival of Passover. We will also be visiting a Synagogue.	In music, children will continue to learn the recorder.
Planned Educational Visits		Supporting your child's learning at home	
<p>We are hoping to visit a synagogue to support learning in Judaism – details nearer the time.</p> <p>The year group assembly will be on Thursday 14th March.</p>		<p>Book bags need to be brought to school everyday. Children are expected to write an entry in their reading journal each week.</p> <p>Homework will be given each week. We will continue to set occasional topic homework projects. Children can also access Mathletics and Spellodrome at home to improve their maths and spelling skills.</p> <p>Year 4 are expected to know all their times tables and related division facts. This is vital if they are to make progress. Please support your child in this regard for ten minutes each day.</p>	

