



Curriculum Area	Focus this half term
Literacy	<p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>For the beginning of this half term, we will be using the book 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringgold to inspire our learning. We will be exploring the theme of 'freedom'. We will be creating poems, performing them and finally writing a film script!</p> <p>The other book we will be using will be Varmints by Helen Ward. We will be exploring the theme of 'environmentalism, hope and the cyclical nature of life'. We will be retelling the story and sharing thoughts and opinions and finally writing explanations texts.</p> <p><u>Guided Reading</u></p> <p>We will be reading the book 'The Undefeated' by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson to examine black history in America. We will be considering definitions of key terms in context and discover poetic conventions and how they often link with music. We will be practising retrieval, inference and summarising questions, as well as expressing our opinions.</p> <p>The other book we will be reading is 'Zombierella' by Joseph Coelho. We will explore the text, develop our summarising skills and make comparisons within the text about the characters journey.</p> <p><u>Class Book</u></p> <p>4E- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling 4S- The Magician's Nephew by C.S Lewis</p> <p><u>Spelling</u></p> <p>Homophones and near homophones Possessive apostrophe with plural words Words with endings sounding like (t)ch -sure, -ture The suffix -ation Words from the Year 3/4 statutory list</p>
Numeracy	<p><u>Place Value</u></p> <p>Working with numbers up to 10,000 partitioning, number lines, 1,10,100 and 1000 more and less, comparing and ordering, rounding and roman numerals.</p> <p><u>Addition and Subtraction</u></p> <p>adding and subtracting two 4-digit numbers including exchanging, efficient methods, estimating answers and checking strategies</p>

Science	Living things and their Habitats Vertebrates and invertebrates, animal classifications, using classification keys for both animals and plants, understanding life processes and changing environments.
RE	What is it like to follow God? The story of Noah's Ark, covenants and Christian weddings.
Geography	Our topic in Geography is North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of significant human and physical features. We will be developing the use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance locational and place knowledge.
PE	Target Sports including archery, boules, croquet, boccia and new age kurling. Net Sports including tennis and sitting volleyball.
PSHE	Healthy Relationships on and off line Importance of healthy and positive friendships, managing and responding to hurtful behaviour both online and offline.
Computing	Computing systems and networks Connecting networks, what the internet is made of, sharing information, websites, who owns the web and credible sources of information.
Art	In art this term we will be learning about the Impressionist movement and we will be focusing on Monet's work.