

## Year 4 Learning Together Autumn 1



### English

This half term, we will be reading 'The Suitcase Kid' by Jacqueline Wilson. We will learn about the main character, Andy and think carefully about her feelings throughout the book. We will focus on writing character descriptions and dialogue between two characters.

### Science – Sound

We will look into how sounds are made and learn that sounds result from something vibrating. We will also look for patterns when investigating pitch and volume of different sounds. Using our new knowledge of sounds, we will investigate the best material to make a pair of ear defenders.

### Art

In art, we will look at the artist Edward Saidi Tingatinga. We will learn that he created Tinga Tinga art and we will use his artwork to inspire us to create bright, colourful patterns.

### RE

We will explore the theme 'wisdom' and think carefully about what this means to us. We will also learn about the Torah and the Bible.

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### Topic – Biomes

This half term we will have a geography focus and be studying 'Biomes'. We will use atlases to locate countries and continents while also identifying the position of the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and the Tropics and Cancer and Capricorn. We will learn what a biome is and apply this learning when looking at human and physical geography of Africa.

#### TYPES OF BIOME



### PSHE

We will learn about positive friendships including friendships online.

### French

We will learn how to introduce ourselves with simple greetings and how to say and write key information about ourselves, like our names, in French.

Through learning and celebrating some French holidays and festivals, we will gain an insight and appreciation of French life and culture.

### Maths

In the autumn term we will be introduced to 4-digit numbers. We will recognise the value and compare and order 4-digit numbers.

We will recap our knowledge of the column method for addition and subtraction and apply this to our new learning of 4-digit numbers. Children should practice their times tables at home on **TT Rockstars**.

### PE

On Wednesday's with Mr Murphy, the children will be learning striking and fielding skills. As a class on Monday's, we will be learning social skills involving balance games.

### Useful info

Children should be **reading at home every day for 10 minutes**. Reading diaries will be collected on Friday and checked. Rewards for regular reading will be given out.

At the end of the year, year 4's will have a government statutory times table check. Please use **TTrockstarts** at home to help with learning times tables from 1 x 0 up to 12 x 12.

