

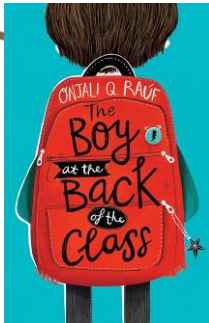
Spring Term 1 & 2 in Y4



English

A range of book and film studies will form our writing lessons, giving opportunities to write through narrative, descriptions, playscripts, non-chronological reports, poetry, and balanced arguments.

Our class text...



Reading

Comprehension skills will be covered so children develop their understanding of the 6 key reading domains:

Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Summarising/Sequencing. We will complete a VIPERS reading session for 1 hour each week.

During Spring term, we will explore the following books and picture books 'Ocean meets Sky', 'Journey', 'Flotsam'. We will also engage with the short film clips 'Present' and 'Home Sweet Home'.

Children will also explore regular Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons which will be embedded into their writing work.

Maths

Children will be busy covering and extending their skills in the following units:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Decimals

We will also continue to practise our times tables daily!

Geography

Children will explore 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. In this Geography topic, children will learn about mountain ranges and rivers across the world. They will begin to learn specialist vocabulary to help them describe features of rivers and study the stages of a river including upper, middle, and lower courses, the source, and the mouth. Children will study satellite images to view an aerial perspective of a river and observe, describe, and locate the four stages of its journey. We will also study the characteristics of different mountain types and classify mountains. Children will be introduced to topography and contour lines and use Ordnance survey maps to identify landscapes. They will also be introduced to the geographical aspects of the water cycle.

R.E

Christmas: Children will consider ways in which Christians today are heralds of the message of Christ. They will be able to explain some of the Church's customs for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Special Roles and Responsibilities: Children will understand the special role played by priests but will be equally aware that every member of the Church has a special role and responsibility as they try to follow Christ.

Lent: They will know some of Jesus' teaching about forgiveness and will understand that this is a gift God freely gives. They will know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of this gift.

Holy Week: Children will have a good knowledge of the story of Holy Week and will explain some reasons for the death of Jesus.

Science

In term 1, children will explore 'Grouping and Classifying' and observe classification keys. They will learn about the animal kingdom and classify animals into groups. Children will also learn about vascular and non-vascular plants and sort and classify them into groups.

In term 2 Science, children will explore States of Matter. They will identify and classify solids, liquids and gases and learn about the properties of each. The children will learn how some materials can change state by heating or cooling and about the processes of melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. They will also research some common material's melting and boiling points.

Art & DT

Animal – Children are introduced to drawing animal forms and studying the colours, patterns, and textures on animal coverings. They will also use clay skills such as rolling, coiling, and joining to create a 3D clay sculpture in the style of Bankura horse.

Vista – Children will explore famous landmarks and use a viewfinder to locate one point. They will study mountainous landscapes through drawing and paintings.

Fancy fabrics – Children will learn about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, block printing and embroidery to make a fabric sample.

Music & French

In Music, children will sing, play, improvise and compose with a rap song 'Stop' and the well-known Bill Withers hit 'Lean on Me'. The children will also be part of weekly Hymn Practice sessions.

In French, pupils will learn 10 familiar activities that they are able or are not able to do in French using 'Je Peux'.

RSHE

'Created to Love Others'

In this module, children will explore strategies for maintaining healthy relationships and know that we have been created to share love with others.

Computing

We will explore the importance of strong passwords. Pupils will explore a program which illustrates how cyber criminals might use computers to try and discover secret passwords and pins. Children will write and use algorithms to discover secret numbers on a padlock.



PE

Children will take part in Forest School in their Thursday P.E slot alongside dance in the first half term. The children will use movement to explore and communicate ideas and feelings. Children will grow in confidence as they perform their sequences.

In the second half term, children will explore handball. Pupils will develop their understanding of the attacking and defending principles in invasion games. They will maintain possession and move the ball towards the goal to score. We will develop our understanding of fair play and honesty.

We will also be swimming in our Tuesday P.E lessons through the Spring term.