

# Year 3/4 Half Term Curriculum Overview Spring 2



Please look on the second page for important dates.

## English

The children will be reading **The Lost Happy Endings** and will complete some descriptive writing around both characters and settings before then writing their own new ending for this dark and intriguing fairy tale.



As a class, we will be reading **I Was There: Titanic** by Margi McAllister in our guided reading lessons.



## Science and Religious Education

During our **science** lessons, we will be learning about sound. The children will identify how sounds are made, to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. They will use data loggers to create a line graph and analyse their results. Then, they will learn about plants.

In our **religious education** lessons, the children will be looking at rituals and beliefs around births, marriages and deaths, including beliefs of the afterlife and humanist celebrations.

## Mathematics

We will cover the following objectives in our maths lessons:

- Learn about unit and non-unit fractions.
- Compare equivalent fractions and use this knowledge to write fractions in their simplest form.
- Learn to represent improper fractions as mixed numbers.
- Compare numbers with the same number of decimal places.
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change.

## PSHE (RSE) and D&T

In our **PSHE lessons**, our topic is Being Safe. The children will explore how to stay safe in their local environment, near roads, rail or water. They will learn how to keep safe around medicines and illegal substances and what to do in an emergency.

In our **D & T** lessons, the children will be sewing a purse or pencil case.



## Physical Education

Children should come to school in their P.E. kit on the following days:

**Verde** - every **Monday**.

**Rosa and Amarillo Classes** -every **Tuesday**.

They should wear black bottoms, a red top and a red jumper or cardigan.

## Spanish

In Spanish, the children are learning about the word "se" and some common verbs. They will form longer and more complex sentences using the conjunctions 'y' (and) & 'pero'.

## Computing (programming)

The children will use Publisher to explore desktop publishing and create a magazine cover. They will also use our Micro:bit computers to study sound.

## Geography

Our geography lessons will continue to look at the human and physical features of Campania, Italy and then we will look at how this compares to our region here in the UK.

## Weekly Homework (due every Thursday)

Homework will be assigned every Friday.

- **Maths Shed:** Every week, children will complete a times table test in the classroom. On Maths Shed, they will be assigned the times table they are focusing on for their weekly test. They should complete **5 games**. <https://www.mathshed.com/en-gb/>
- **Spellings:** Children will complete a weekly spelling test. The spellings will be assigned every Friday and they should complete **5 games**. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>
- **Reading:** Every child has an online account- <https://learningwithparents.com/>. They should aim to read at least 4 times a week to have a chance to receive a raffle ticket. The chosen name will receive a new book from our vending machine.

## Important dates

### Multiplication tables check

Children will have 25 times table questions and 6 seconds to answer each one.

**The Y4 Multiplication Tables Check will be completed the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June. Our aim is to carry out the test on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Every child in Year 4, has been assigned the Multiplication Tables Check simulator on Maths Shed.

## Year 3/4 performance

The morning performance will take place from **10:00-11:00 on Tuesday 1st April.**

The evening performance will take place from **17:00-18:00 on Wednesday 2nd April.**

The evening performance will take place from **17:30-18:30 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Further information about tickets will be shared with you soon. Please inform your child's class teacher if they cannot attend a performance.

## Swimming Lessons

This year, swimming will take place at Edgewood Primary School and the swimming lessons will be taught by Next Level Sports. Lessons will take place in a temporary swimming pool and your child will be told the days they will swim. This will take place after the Easter holidays.