

English

Our learning journey this term is Jonathan Swift's Gulliver - adapted by Martin Jenkins and Chris Riddell. Children will read Gulliver's Travels and be immersed in the various settings that he explores. We will build up to writing a persuasive speech that Gulliver will use to ensure his freedom.

Maths

Our focus this term is on multiplication and division. This will include learning about factor pairs, multiplying/dividing by 10 and 100, and using formal methods to multiply/divide a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Science

Children will be given the challenge to design and test some new products that work using forces and magnetism. This will involve investigating how vehicles move on different surfaces, exploring the mysterious world of magnetism, and creating their own game that works using magnetism.

R.E.

Continuing on our exploration of Hinduism, our key question is 'What role does worship play in the life of a Hindu?' We will be exploring Mandirs, ways that Puja is performed at home and how the 5 daily duties impact on a Hindu's life.

Computing

Online safety is our focus and we will be learning how to navigate the internet in an informed, safe and respectful way. This will include making judgements about the accuracy of search results, being aware of how companies encourage us to buy online and discussing how we may need to limit time spent using technology.

Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education P.S.H.C.E

We will be learning about and exploring Economic Wellbeing. This will include knowing the advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods and the range of jobs available.

St. Mary's Church of England (VA) Primary School Curriculum Overview



Year 4

Spring 1

Marvellous Maps

Art

We will be exploring how we can share and tell stories through drawing. The children will be introduced to two artists: one an illustrator (Laura Carlin) and the other a graphic novelist and author (Shaun Tan). They will then go on to make a comic strip style telling of a piece of poetry.

Music

Film composing is an art form all of its own - different and distinct from other forms of composition. In this unit, we will explore one of the first films ever made (from 1878) and use it as inspiration for composing repeating patterns (ostinatos), and structuring ideas.

P.E.

This term we will be improving our skills in Gymnastics. Lessons will work on accuracy and consistency of linking shapes, balances and travelling. Children will be encouraged to be creative and experiment with their routines.

Geography

Children will take on a set of exciting and sometimes mysterious challenges to build on their geographical skills and become Olympic map champions. This will involve understanding map symbols, keys, compass directions and 4-figure grid references.

Design and Technology

In conjunction with our Science, children will be designing and making a new toy or game that works using magnetism. They will test them out with other children in the school and evaluate how well they turned out.

French

The children will start by learning how to sing 'Head, shoulders, knees and feet' in French. They will then move onto learning the parts of the body, the numbers 21 - 31, items of clothing and the months of the year.