

## English

### Reading

We would like children to develop a love of reading and will be providing opportunities for them to read for pleasure. As well as having the opportunity to borrow books from the school library on a weekly basis, we will be introducing children to the local library services on a class visit to Bedworth library. Children will receive "reading stars" and subsequent rewards for the books that they read.

Children will participate in a weekly comprehension session in order to help them gain a greater depth of understanding in their reading.

### Writing

Our fiction writing this half term will re-tell the story of the short animated film "The dragon slayer". Lessons will focus on developing a range of different writing skills. Non-fiction writing will be developed through the writing of instructions, letters, posters and a non chronological report.

### Spellings and Grammar

The children will continue to receive weekly spellings which focus on a given spelling pattern or rule weekly as well as some trickier words. Through our writing, children will be taught about the correct use of fronted adverbials.

## Maths

### Number

This term, we will be focussing on developing children's understanding of fractions and decimal numbers. They will be working to recognise equivalent fractions and will be finding fractions of amounts. The children will also learn to add and subtract fractions which have the same denominator.

### Other areas

We will be using equipment to carry out practical measuring activities and will be learning to convert measures such as gram to kg; cm to m and l to ml. The children will also be learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes.

### Problem Solving / Investigations

Two step word problems and investigations will help children apply their number work in different contexts and increase their mathematical thinking, reasoning and logic.

# Year 4 Core Subjects: Our Theme is Dragons!

## Science—Living things and their habitats

### Knowledge

The children will be able to identify similarities and differences between animals in order to help classify them. They will research and study one animal in greater depth and share this information with the group.

### Skills

The children will

- learn to sort living things into a range of groups using their own Criteria and a range of different methods including Venn and Carroll diagrams
- be able to use classification keys to identify living things

### Working scientifically

Children will be able to explain their reasoning method of working.

### Ways you can help at home.....

- Make sure that your child practises their weekly spellings
- Ensure that homework is completed and that children have checked it for errors.
- Encourage your child to use Education City.
- Visit the local library and encourage reading for pleasure.
- Practise times tables.
- Talk to your child about what they have been doing at school.
- Use everyday opportunities to encourage their development of Numeracy and Literacy skills e.g. cooking; calculating change; measuring; letter writing; diary writing

### R.E.

Our lessons will focus on the Easter story and why this is significant for Christians. We will relate this to our own experience of losing someone and think about how we remember them.

### P.E.

With our sports coach the children will learn and apply physical skills in cricket. They will be taught how to develop their flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. They will be encouraged to compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.

### Art and Design

Children will be using their observational skills to draw dragons. They will learn about different shading and sketching techniques.

## Year 4 Foundation Subjects: Our Theme is Dragons!

### Computing.

The children will be using "Paint" and "2 Paint a picture" in order to amend and create a new image using various tools.

### Music.

The children will be practising singing and using percussion instruments to perform a range of songs in our end of term assembly.

### Design and Technology

Children will be taught about the principles of a healthy and varied diet and will plan and prepare a healthy balanced meal for a "dragon slayer".

### P.S.H.E.

The children will be learning about how they can keep themselves safe. They will learn about how to recognise signs that they are not safe and discuss their feelings and who can support and help them.