

Literacy

We will be writing pieces linked to our Power of Reading Text which is about Harrison Beck's adrenaline-filled adventure across America. Beck finds himself at the centre of a mystery when the daughter of a billionaire vanishes whilst on board the California Comet! We will be writing background stories for the character we meet; descriptions of the places visited on this adventure and write our own mystery stories inspired by the work of M.G Leonard and Sam Sedgman.

Music

This term, we will be learning to listen to and recall sounds with increasing aural memory, as we create sound pictures, inspired by water. The composition piece will be called: Ripples. Using tuned percussion techniques and body percussion, we will create a whole class piece.

Computing

This term, we will be using 'Genially' to create interactive images that show the habitats of different creatures around Echelford. We will be combining a range of software across digital devices to create these interactive designs.

Art

To fully immerse ourselves with our North America topic we will be creating backgrounds for the places that Harrison Beck visits on his adventure. To do this, we will be learning how to use watercolours to create washes and bleeds using colours that best represent the location, as well as refining our sketching skills using fine line pens.

PSHE

Moving on from last term's topic, we will be looking at 'Relationships'. We will be discussing how to identify our web of relationships, who we love and what we love about ourselves. In addition, we will be looking at how we can care for one another, loss of someone (including pets) and how to celebrate our relationships.

Maths

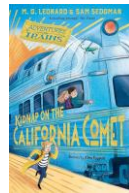
Through our 'Decimals' unit, we will work on:

- Exploring fractions and decimals equivalent to tenths, quarters and halves
- Comparing and ordering numbers with one or two decimal places
- Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number
- Multiplying and dividing decimals by 10 and 100

While investigating area and perimeter, we will be:

- Exploring the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes
- Understanding and calculating area of rectangles and rectilinear shapes

Year 4 – The North American Dream



**Our Power of Reading text is
Kidnap of the California Comet
By M.G Leonard and Sam
Sedgman.**



KEY DATES: - complete

Year 4 Bake Sale – Thursday 23rd April
Animal Kingdom Lego Workshop – Tuesday 28th April
4R swimming – every Wednesday afternoon
Bank holiday – Monday 4th May
VE Day – Friday 8th May

French

Touche ta tête, ton cou, tes pieds...

What would you like me to do? This half term, we will be revisiting the language to describe body parts and numbers through learning how to ask someone to do something. We will develop our use of possessive adjectives and practise this in context.

Science

Our new topic of 'Living things and their Habitats' aims to enhance our knowledge of animals in our local area as well as in North America. We will be using our skills to sort and identify animals based on their characteristics as well as exploring areas of the school such as the pond and the bug garden. We will also be learning the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.

RaWV

In Religion and World Views, this term we will be exploring how non-religious people celebrate new life. In particular we will be discussing how welcoming a baby fits into the life journeys of different people and the similarities and differences we have in our own celebrations. We also be learning about beliefs of Humanists and how their Naming Ceremonies allow them to welcome new life into their community.

Geography

We will be exploring the wonders of North America, by tracking Hugh Harrington's train journey from Chicago to San Francisco in our Power of Reading text. We will be discovering the Amtrak rail network and its importance, as well as delving into the human, physical and environmental geography of the magical places he visits along the way. From the River Thames to the Missouri river, what will we discover?

PE

During our Thursday afternoon PE lessons, we will be working collaboratively to improve and refine our skills in athletics. We will be focusing on different techniques needed to support us in Sport Day and practise the different events. During our sessions we will be developing our skills of: teamwork; aiming high; speaking and listening.