Year 4 - Rucksack of possibilities

Literacy

When Ahmet (the boy at the back of the class) arrives in their class, a group of children are curious to know more about him – where he is from, what language does he speak and where are his family? As they learn more about him – that he is a Kurdish refugee from Syria and that he was separated from his family enroute to Britain – their concern for him grows. This term we will be exploring the different relationships that Ahmet has with both his family and his peers. We will be noting and developing our initial ideas to describe setting and characters by selecting appropriate grammar and understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning.

Art

We will be focusing on the use of digital media, collages and developing our understanding of contrast, using different images. We will focus on artists: Hannah Hoch and Kara Walker to gain inspiration. Our end product will be creating a collage with contrasting images and bring together all the skills we have learnt.

Music

In Musicianship, the children will continue to develop foundational music skills by exploring pulse, rhythm, notation, and pitch. The children will learn about 'ta' rest, ta-a' rhythm and learn about bar lines and time signatures. Through interactive activities and games, the children will reinforce these key musical concepts, building a solid foundation for their understanding of notation.

PE

In our Tuesday afternoon PE lessons, we will be delving into Europe. Through dance, we will be exploring different countries that Ahmet might've travelled through and looking at local dances from those countries.

Through running, we will learn about stamina, pace and endurance. We will be continuing to build on our coordination, control and fluency around ball skills, aiming towards a goal in our Football topic.

French

Through conversation, games and songs, you will develop your knowledge of speaking about your family.

PSHE

This half term our topic is "Celebrating Differences." Here, we will draw upon our differences and what makes us unique and understand they are something to be celebrated.

Maths

Multiplication and division:

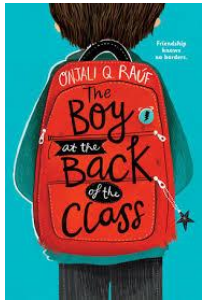
- Use and explain short multiplication and short division.
- Identify multiplication patterns.

Discrete and Continuous Data:

- Representing data using pictograms.
- Representing data using bar charts
- Exploring time graphs

Fractions:

- Identify fractions
- Find equivalent fractions



Our Power of Reading text this term is Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

Religion and World Views

In Religion and World Views this term, we will be continuing to learn about Christianity. We will be learning about God's kingdom; the role of an important ruler and what type of a ruler Jesus was. We will think about what a perfect kingdom would look like for us.

Oracy

We will be creating speeches to consider how tone, volume and pace influence meaning and to develop an awareness of audience. We will do this by creating a speech based around the topic: Refugees and their displacement. Should they be able to find refuge in other countries?

Science

This term, our Science topic will focus on Animals including Humans. We will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, prey and predators. Additionally, we will be investigating the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, as well as, identifying the different types of teeth and their functions.

Computing

Alongside our weekly online safety based around Online Bullying, we will be developing our skills when combining software. Would you take a trip to the cinema to see The Boy at the Back of the Class movie? We will be creating exciting movie trailers by combining filmed elements and voice overs using iMovie, by learning to use sequence, selection and repetition in programs.

Geography

What makes Europe such a desirable place to live? In our Geography lessons this half term, we will be exploring the physical features of our continent, including its man- made and natural landmarks. We will explore how Ahmet travelled across Europe in his bid to find a safe place to live and use maps to plot the routes he could have taken. We will also explore the different climates he may have come across on his route and think about what we can all do to ensure we look after our planet through reducing climate change.

KEY DATES: -

Wednesday 11th November —4H Assembly
Friday 13th November —World Kindness Day
Friday 13th November —BBC Children in need
Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 18th November – 4L Assembly
Wednesday 25th November – Individual/ Sibling Photos
Friday 27th November – Santa Fun Run and PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
Friday 4th December —PTFA Xmas Fair
Wednesday 16th December—Festive Lunch
Thursday 17th December—LKS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 18th December—End of term