



English

Our learning this term will be based on texts about homes. Linked to our history topic on Sevenoaks and our own surroundings, we will be looking at how different authors such as J.R. Tolkien, Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo depict homes and what it means to belong to a place.

Our focus is on narrative writing and within that we begin by consolidating the Year Four learning on sentence structure before working on

- relative clauses
- a variety of connectives to build cohesion within paragraphs
- use of modal verbs
- using planning tools such as a story mountains or grids.

We will continue to use a variety of strategies to improve the children's spelling and handwriting.

In class the children will continue to apply their comprehension skills to more complex writing and poetry.

Computing

The children will design, write and debug programs. They will be able to explain how some simple programs work, and detect and correct errors.

PSHCE

God – The Friend and Neighbour (Further letter to follow)

Science

This term the children will be comparing and grouping materials on the basis of their properties such as solubility and conductivity.

They will explore some reversible changes such as dissolving, and also some irreversible changes such as burning.

They will also be thinking about the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.

Our Local Area

Maths

- Place value reading, writing, ordering and comparing 5 and 6 digit numbers
- Mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- Mental and written strategies for multiplication and division.
- Recognising equivalent fractions and fractions and decimals.
- Simplifying fractions.
- Telling the time to the nearest minute using 12 and 24 hours clock and solving problems involving durations of time.

PE

Netball on Thursday and street dance on Tuesday.

History

Our topic is a local study of Sevenoaks from the early settlement of the town to present day life, including the importance of Knole House, and how the town's location and the advent of the railway contributed to its development. We will be doing a walk around the town and spending a day at Knole House.

Music

The children will learn about and perform English folk songs and Tudor music.

French

The children will be learning to describe their homes using the words for the different rooms, furniture and household objects.

Help at home

- Encourage your child to read regularly and, if possible, read with him or her.
- Practise times tables recall, also telling the time, especially using the 24- hour clock.
- Note any historical or interesting features of the part of Sevenoaks you live in.