



MERRIOTT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Spring Term 1 - Year 4 Overview



READING

Darlington will continue to work on their reading skills, with a particular focus on inference and summarising, through the exciting story of Tamarind and the Star of Ishta



WRITING

This half term, children will begin with poetry, studying The Magic Box by Kit Wright exploring free verse and using devices such as simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, and assonance. In fiction, they will read Escape from Pompeii. Through this text, they will write setting descriptions, diaries, letters, and thought bubbles, leading to their main outcome: a newspaper report about the events in Pompeii.



MATHS

Children will continue to build fluency in times tables, aiming for quick and accurate recall of multiplication facts. They will also look at multiplication and division - understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships.



SCIENCE

This term, children will learn that sounds are made by vibrations and that these vibrations travel through a medium to the ear. They will explore patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it and between the volume of a sound and the strength of its vibrations. Finally, they will recognise that sounds become fainter as the distance from the source increases.



HISTORY

This term, children will delve into the fascinating world of Ancient Rome, exploring its rise and fall, daily life, society, and beliefs. Their learning will be enriched by a class trip to the historic Roman Baths in Bath, bringing this era to life.



ART

Children will be introduced to the idea that artists don't just work in studios - instead they go into the real world and paint from life, inspired by the land and city scapes where they live.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Children learn basic skills through basket ball and dribbling skills through hockey.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

In RE, Children will learn and explore the question what do Hindus believe God is like?



MUSIC

The focus will be South Western and African music; using chords to create a bright, happy sound.



COMPUTING

In our Computing lessons we will explore website design this half term.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION (PSHE)

Our focus this half term will be on health and wellbeing and citizenship.



FRENCH

Children will continue to develop their knowledge of French by building on prior learning; recalling numbers in French and using basic greetings.