# Newchurch Community Primary School - Share in our learning... Year 4 Autumn A

# **English:**

# Reading:

The Wizard, The Ugly and the Book of Shame - Pablo Bernasconi



Our class text is The Wizard, The Ugly and the Book of Shame. The story of Leitmeritz, a powerful wizard who uses his Red Book of Spells to help everyone— everyone, that is, except his assistant, Chancery.

Land of Roar- Jenny MacLachlan



Our reading for pleasure book is a fantasy novel based on Rose and Arthur who created an imaginary world of things which they loved and somethings which they feared. Long forgotten, they have re-entered the world to find, is it real?

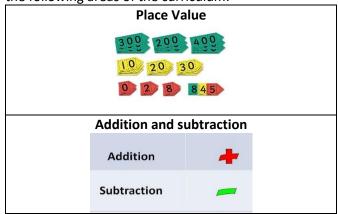
# Writing:

We will be using our class texts to focus on the following targets in our grammar and writing:

- using commas after fronted adverbials
- using and punctuating direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)
- place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals
- choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition
- extended noun phrases, including with prepositions

# **Mathematics:**

Along with our arithmetic and calculation skills we will be looking at the following areas of the curriculum:



We will be looking to master a wide range of targets linked to these areas, such as:

- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100
- Count in 1000s more or less
- Partitioning numbers to 1000s
- Recognising place of numbers on a line to 10,000
- Comparing 4 digit numbers
- Count in 25s
- Negative numbers
- Adding and subtracting values up to 4 digits
- Estimating answers
- Using the inverse operation
- Timetables

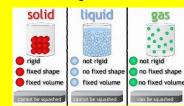
# **Useful websites:**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd2f7nb/articles/zn2y7nb https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

# Science:

Our scientific studies will focus on **States of Matter** where we will investigate the

difference between solids, liquids and gases.



We will be learning about how states of matter can change through melting, freezing and boiling and what causes condensation.

Through our study of states of matter we also learn about the water cycle.

## **Useful websites:**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgg87h/articles/zsgwwxs

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgg87h/articles/z9ck9qt

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgg8

7h/articles/zydxmnb

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## **Physical Education:**

Our hand- eye coordination and ability to work as a team, will be explored further this half term as we develop our skills as a basketballer.



Coordination Footwork



Static Balance One Leg



Furthermore, within our inside lessons, the children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused skill development sessions, healthy competition, cooperative games and group Personal Best challenges.

## **History:**

This half term's enquiry- **How did The Ancient Greeks** influence the Western world?

We will be investigating how elements of the Ancient Greek civilisation can still be seen in life today.

## **Geography:**

This half term's enquiry- Where does our food come from?

We will be exploring how food preparation and production can affect the environment and how the choices we make can have an impact on our world.

### **Useful websites:**

<u>Ancient Greece - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize</u> Food miles and the environment - BBC Bitesize

#### Art:

Our first unit is **painting** and will reflect on the work of the artist Georges Braque. He was a major 20th century French painter and sculptor who, with Pablo Picasso, developed the art movement known as Cubism. Over the term, we will develop our own curiosities within art before developing our knowledge of paint by exploring different tints and shades of colour. The unit will conclude with us creating our own pie



Rody Percussion

conclude with us creating our own piece in the style of Georges Braque.

### **Useful websites:**

https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/Georges-Braque/273334 https://kids.kiddle.co/Georges Braque

## **Religious Education:**

#### Hinduism

In RE, we will be looking at how we can learn about and from religious beliefs and how they guide others and can ultimately support our own journey. We will be investigating scripture and narrative in Hinduism and how they offer guidance to believers.

#### **Useful websites:**

https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Hinduism/353249

#### Music:

## Body and tuned percussion

Over this half term, we will be learning about texture and structure within a piece of music. For this unit, we will be using our bodies as the instruments and exploring how our bodies can make different sounds.

#### **Useful websites:**

https://video.link/w/i6ce?src=syt body percussion for kids - YouTube

### PSHE:

## Families and Friendships

The start of any new year can be challenging and recognising how our relationships change and grow is really important. This unit aims to support children with these challenges, including recognising and maintaining positive friendships, including those online.

Useful websites:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZtXwLzllpk

# Languages: The Romans



In Spanish, we will be learning about the Romans, here we will use the seven Roman gods and goddesses to learn the days of the week.

#### **Useful websites:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j1ueJ XdFM

# **Computing:**

## Real or fake

Throughout this half term, we will be exploring what is meant by the term 'fake news' and how we can begin to identify



real stories from those which have been fabricated.

#### Useful websites:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

