

# English

## The Write Stuff – Writing Focuses:

In this term, the children will be looking at a range of different genres. The texts we will be focussing on are:

Narrative: *Mystery The Whale* by Ethan and Vita Murrow

Non-Fiction: *Speech Refugees*

Poetry: *The Malfeasance* by Alan Bold

The children will be applying grammar features taught in lessons to enhance the composition of their writing. We will do a lot of work on editing and improving their writing as this is a vital skill they will need throughout school.

## Whole Class Reading focus:

The text that we will be focussing on for the Spring term for our whole class novel is: 'The boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Rauf.

This story is about the arrival of Ahmet, a nine-year old refugee child from Syria who joins an ordinary primary school in London. The narrator and her friends are curious about the new boy at the back of the class and make it their mission to become friends with him.

We will also be looking at a variety of extracts from 'Fred's teaching reading' where the children will be developing key reading skills such as inference, comprehension and prediction.



**St. Martin's**

C. of E. Primary School

*Serve one another in love*

Galatians 5v13

## Topic Notes Year Group: 4/5 Saltwick Bay Spring Term 2024

### Whole School Christian Values, Class Drivers and Information

The Christian Values and Class  
Drivers for this term are:

Courage

Forgiveness

# Maths

## White Rose Maths– Maths Focuses:

### Spring term:

Year 4:

We will continue to follow White Rose Maths and the units we will be focussing on are:

Area

Multiplication and division

Length and Perimeter

Fractions

Decimals

Year 5:

We will continue to follow White Rose Maths and the units we will be focussing on are:

Multiplication and division

Fractions

Decimals and percentages

Perimeter and area

Statistics

Year 5 will also be learning long division and will have regular opportunities to practice in Mini Maths sessions.

There will be regular TT rockstars competitions and children's progress will be monitored closely and homework will be set weekly. Certificates will be given to the children that are making the most progress and are achieving the highest scores. It will be a big focus this year and a secure knowledge of the tables underpins all aspects of maths.

## Religious Education

### Y4 –

Year 4 will focus on the units:

#### Spring 1:

How, why and where do believers show commitments during the journey of life?

#### Spring 2:

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

### Y5

Year 5 will focus on the units:

#### Spring 1:

What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?

#### Spring 2:

What did Jesus do to save human beings?

## PE and Games

Saltwick Bay will be completing the units set in our new PE scheme 'Beyond the Physical.' The units we will cover are: Spring 1 - Throw Prepare Catch, React Roll Retrieve and Spring 2 – Run Jump Throw and Fair Share Dare.

The scheme enables all children to achieve because it allows them to adapt all the activities to match their own ability.

## Computing

### Kapow:

Saltwick Bay will be designing websites and learning about HTMLs whilst they will continue to learn about to stay safe online.

## Art/Design & Technology

### Design Technology

This half-term Saltwick Bay class will be focussing on the unit – bridges. We will be investigating different structures and experimenting with different designs to find the strongest bridge.

## Music

### Spring

In this term, children will focus on the units 'Lean on me' and 'Blackbird'. They will listen and appraise the musical pieces and perform their own version.

## Geography

### The Amazon Rainforest and South America

In this term, the children will learn about the countries of South America and the Amazon Rainforest.

### **Year 4 and 5 will:**

Investigate the location of South America in the world.

Plot rainforest biomes on the map.

Learn about key aspects of the rainforest biome.

Learn about the climate of a tropical rain forest.

Find out facts about the indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest.

Learn about the threats to the rainforest.

Learn about how the rainforest compares to Dalby forest.

## Science

### Spring

In this term, Year 4 and Year 5 will both use the new Whiterose science units.

Year 4:

Spring 1: Sound

Spring 2: Data collection and Group and classify living things

Year 5:

Spring 1: Properties of materials

Spring 2: Reproduction and Reversible and irreversible changes.

Both year groups will carry out a range of practical experiments to test theories.

## PSHE

### HeartSmart:

In this term, we will be looking at 'Too much Selfie isn't Healthy.' The children will learn about being HeartSmart means knowing that just as we are important, other people are important too. As we become aware of the people around us and consider their needs as well as our own, our hearts and theirs are strengthened.

## Modern Foreign Languages

### French

Year 4 and Year 5 will be focussing on how to say the date in French in Spring 1 and in Spring 2 the children will be learning about family members and how to say them.