

Goldfinch Curriculum Information Term 4 (Spring – Year A)

English

This term we'll continue reading *The Land of Roar* by Jenny Mchlachlan, which the majority of our work will be based on.



Writing

Year 3 children will continue to refine their use adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions of time, cause and place in a range of genres. Whereas, our year 4 children will extend their use of fronted adverbials to aid the cohesion of their writing across paragraphs.

Reading

In our reading lessons the children will continue to improve their reading comprehension skills of a variety of genres using VIPERS.

Music

This term we'll be continuing to learn how to play samba drums Mr Evans from Gloucestershire Music Hub.

Watch out for an invite to our performance on March 21st. It's going to be loud!



Maths

Both year groups will be concentrating on multiplication and division this term. The children will be learning to calculate mentally at first, thinking about the link between multiplication and division.

We'll then move on to learning more formalised methods of calculating. In particular, the children will learn the formal column method for multiplication once they are secure using more informal methods, such as the grid method.

Throughout the term, we are really focussing on our times table facts and the children will be practising these regularly.



PSHE

In PSHE we'll be looking at 'Rights and Respect' which will help us to think about volunteering, helping each other to stay safe and how we can respect our environment.

French

In our French lessons we'll be learning words and phrases associated with colours and the festival of Easter.

PE

The children will be refining their throwing and catching skills while learning dodgeball, applying skills to small games. The children will also be learning a dance routine in our unit 'Dance Around The World'.

RE

In RE our key question is 'Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday?'. We will be considering how Easter is seen as the most important festival for many Christians. Through our learning we will be looking at Holy Week and considering what is meant by Salvation.

Science

In science we will be learning about electricity. We will be constructing simple series circuits and using these to answer scientific questions. We will also be learning about conductors and insulators.



Art

In our art lessons we will be improving our painting skills, focusing on landscape scenes. We will look at the work of Monet and use watercolours to create our own landscape scene.

Computing

This term the children will be improving their understanding of branching databases and will learn how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes and use them to sort objects.