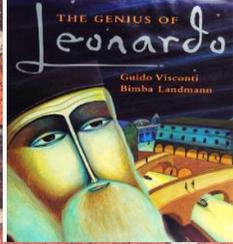


# Year 4 Spring Term 1

## English

In Writing this half term, we are starting a new unit all about **biographies**. We will be learning about the artist Leonardo, and reading a biography written about him. We will end the unit writing our own biographies.

We are reading...



Towards the end of the half term, we will start a fiction unit called **myths and legends**.

Keep up your good work with handwriting and spellings.

In Guided Reading, we are going to continue to read a new text each week, and complete activities in our carousel.

This means that we work in groups and complete different activities on each day, and will have done them all by the end of the week.

## Maths

We are starting off the New Year by completing another multiplication and division unit. This will build on what we have already learnt. Then towards half term, we will begin to look at length and perimeter.

**Please help your child at home by practising timestables.**

You can practice these on this website:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

You can also practise by writing them out.

## Science

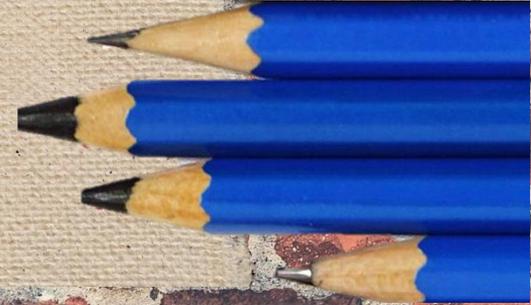
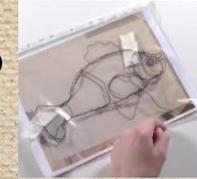
Our Science topic is States of Matter this half term. We will be learning about the **properties** of solids, liquids and gases (what makes a solid a solid); and how these states of matter change from one to the other.

Over Christmas, can you think about all the different solids, liquids and gases you come across?

Are you leaving some milk (liquid) and mince pies (solid) for Santa? What about the smoke coming from the chimney...?

## Art

Our Art topic this half term is Sculpture and 3D modelling! We will start by learning how to use shapes to draw a 3D picture. Then we will use more complex techniques to make actual 3D sculptures, like soap carving and wire bending. Finally in the unit, we will think about upcycling some materials and creating a sculpture from recycled materials. We will consider how we could use weaving, cutting and tearing to create shapes for this.



## Geography

Our topic this half term is called 'From the Ivory Coast to Fernhurst: Where does our food come from?'

We will be thinking all about the journey our food takes from where it is grown to when we eat it. We will consider how far our food has to travel, Fair Trade and what can be grown in other countries. This will then be compared with what we can grow here in Fernhurst.

Can you think about any foods that we can't grow in Fernhurst? Why can't we grow everything that we eat?

## PE

On **Friday mornings** you will be enjoying Forest Adventures with Mrs. Corps and will be joined by Miss Roberts. Remember to always check the weather and dress appropriately – you will be outside in whatever the weather!

Your other PE lesson will be on Thursdays and you will be doing Fitness, which is a key component to any sport, and is very important for your overall health.

## Music

Our Music topic is called 'Rock and Roll'. We will begin the topic learning about the history of Rock and Roll music, and learn how to perform the Hand Jive. We will then move onto thinking about a 'walking bass line' and why this is so important for Rock and Roll music. We will end the unit with learning a song called 'Rock around the Clock', and we will perform it as a class.

Keep an eye on our class page as it will be added on for all to see!

## PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be thinking about online bullying and the impact this can cause. This will lead us to discuss how we can stay safe online.

In RE, we are focussing on the concept of **belonging**. This concept will be looked at through the study of the religion of Islam, and what it means to belong in Islam.

## Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be learning all about data logging. We will consider how and why data is collected over time. We will also collect data as well as access data captured over a long period of time.

Towards the end of the unit, we will pose questions and then use data loggers to automatically collect the data needed to answer those questions.

## Dates

Every Friday – Woodland Adventures

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET day

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – First day back at school

5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Family Read

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Starry Night Explore Dome

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Science Explorer Workshop

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Information Session (multiplication check)

9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Celebration Assembly

9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Open Classroom event 2:30

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

**Save the date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Our Y3 and Y4 children will be putting on The Easter Pantomime!**