

Year 4

Literacy: This half term, we will be writing action stories based on the novel, Varjak Paw by S.F. Said. Our reading lessons will involve delving deeper into the character of Varjak to understand why he is so eager to venture into the outside world. We will also read a non-fiction text, Keeping Alpacas, to support our Topic work.



Topic: Our topic work during Autumn 1 will have a Geography focus, as we learn about the wonderful world of alpacas. Not only will the children be able to visit the alpacas at St Saviour's Forest School, they will also learn how to look after them from an expert! We will then move on to explore the native habitats of alpacas, including Apolobamba Mountain in Bolivia.

R.E: Most of our R.E lessons during this half term will focus on the religion, Hinduism. We will learn about the main Hindu beliefs and discuss the similarities and differences between Christianity and Hinduism. Following this, we will be exploring the concept of creation in Christianity.

Art and Design: We will be sketching alpacas using a range of media. We shall be using our design and sewing skills to produce alpaca-themed slippers. Our slippers will need to be thoughtfully designed, carefully stitched and suitable for wearing.

PSHE: Throughout the term, we will be discussing British Values and the wider world.

P.E: The primary focus during our P.E lessons will be to develop basketball skills. These include passing, dribbling, shooting and (of course) teamwork.

Maths: A huge focus throughout our Maths lessons will be learning and recalling the multiplication and division facts for all of the times tables up to 12 x 12. By the end of the year, pupils should be able to recall all of these facts with speed and accuracy. Let's get practising, Year 4!

Science: Our Science topic throughout the whole Autumn Term is materials. Each lesson will involve a practical activity or experiment, such as comparing conductors and insulators, investigating the properties of plasticine and testing the hardness of different materials. We will learn how to make predictions and analyse our results.

Computing: We will use databases and spreadsheets to organise the logistics of owning an alpaca. To calculate costs and keep to budget, we will use the formula tool. We will also set criteria to make sure they are correctly fed and exercised.

Other: You can support your child to practise their times tables at home by logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars!