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 **Music**
This term, the children will learn to recognise some style indicators of R&B music; they will listen to a variety of songs sung by artists such as Barry White and Marvin Gaye and learn to sing ‘Let your Spirit Fly’ by Joanna Mangona before adding instrumental accompaniments. The children will use musical vocabulary to help them to make comparisons between the pieces.

**Art & Design Technology**

In Art, the children will be learning about Roman mosaics and making comparisons with modern day mosaic patterns before designing and creating their own. In DT, the children will be exploring the suitability of different textiles in preparation for designing and creating an individual patch to form part of a whole class patchwork quilt. The children will have the opportunity to evaluate their designs and finished item.

**Computing**

In Computing, the children will continue to learn about the importance of keeping safe on the Internet. They will learn how to technology respectfully and responsibly. The children will also understand what computer networks do and how they provide multiple services.

**Visits, visitors & special events**

The children will take part in the Y4 residential at the Conway Centre in Anglesey from 2nd to 4th May. They will also join in the celebration of King Charles III coronation. Finally, they will visit a Ellesmere Port library and will get the opportunity to register and borrow books for the Summer holiday.

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**Maths**

This term, Year 4 will learn to use the formal written method to multiply 2 numbers. We will be looking at when it is necessary to use a written method and when it is quicker to calculate mentally. The children will also continue to learn their times tables to be ready for the Multiplication Table Check that they will take in June. The children will continue to use the relationship between multiplications and divisions to learn the formal written method of division. We will then look at fractions and equivalent fractions. The children will also identify the close relationship between divisions, fractions and decimals. We will learn to read the time to the minute and use analogue and digital clocks. Throughout the term, we will continue to learn about measurements while solving problems.

**Science**

The children will continue to investigate how our world changes throughout the year. Additionally, during the first half term, the children will continue to learn about the role of different parts of plants and how flowering plant reproduce. Following this, they will construct a simple series electrical circuit identifying and naming the basic parts of a simple electrical circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Scientific enquiry will continue to be a focus skill so that children develop an inquisitive mind.

**Physical Education**

This term, the children will be learning netball skills, including choosing appropriate passes for accuracy and dodging into a space to receive the ball from a team member. In Summer Term 2, we will be focusing on learning new dance moves to create a complete performance.

**Religious Education**

This term, we will investigate what faith means to different people. We will also explore how Muslims worship and discover the rituals, celebrations and festivals which mark important dates in the Islamic calendar.

**Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education**

We will be continuing with our work on Children’s Rights this term, ensuring that the children understand the importance of these for themselves. The children will be participating in Drug and Alcohol Education lessons this term as well as understanding the importance of managing money with a focus on saving and spending responsibly.

**History & Geography (Humanities)**

In History, we will learn about Julius Cesar and the Roman invasion of Britain, annotating this period on our class timeline. Our study will incorporate investigating the lives of Roman soldiers as well as the daily life for the people of Britain. In Geography, the children will learn about natural disasters with a particular focus on volcanoes and earthquakes. They will investigate how these are created and identify the location of them within the world using grid references on a map.

**English**

During Summer Term, we will be studying ‘Escape from Pompeii”, a beautifully illustrated story based on historical events that happened during Roman times. The children will write setting descriptions and narratives including speech. Later in the term we will use the narrative ‘Where the forest meets the sea’ by Jeannie Baker to help us a non-chronological report. We will continue to work on the children’s application of phonics, spelling, handwriting and reading. We welcome support from home to encourage as much reading as possible.

**French**

In French, we will continue to apply our previous learning about greetings and using our manners in French. The children will learn about celebrations such as birthdays and France’s National Day. They will also learn how to name various sports.