

### English

The children will be understanding, retelling and rewriting the narrative 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We will be learning how to use adjectives and adverbs to add description to our stories to engage the reader.

We will continue with our daily comprehension lessons, where the children will focus on a different reading skill (for example: inference and deduction) each lesson.

### Maths

This half term, the children will begin learning about decimals. In particular, they will be learning to compare, order and round decimal numbers, as well as understanding halves and quarters. Then we will continue to learn how to calculate money and solve one and two step word problems, which involve money.

We will spend the remainder of the half term learning about measure. In particular, we will be focusing on money and length. Please continue to support your child with their times tables at home as they will be sitting their times table test this term.

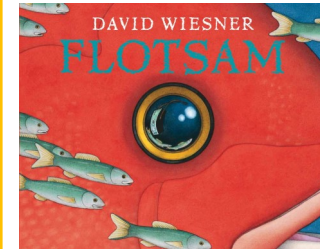
### Science

This half term we will focus on living things and their habitats. We will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment; We will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways; for example, using evidence to identify an invertebrate.

We will also recognise positive and negative changes to the local environment and describe environmental dangers to endangered species.



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### History

In History, the children will be learning all about 'Arabia and Early Islam'. Our unit will teach the children about a city in the desert called Makkah and focus on what it is like to grow in in the desert. They will also learn about Arabian worlds before Muhammad and about the world of clans and tribes. Lastly, we will learn about the 'turning point' in Islam that changed the Muslim world.

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#### Curriculum Newsletter

#### **Year 4 Summer 1**

**Enrichment:** Princess Diana's Memorial Playground (23.5.23)

**PE:** Tuesday

### RE

This half-term we are studying Sikhism and looking at the symbols that are important to Sikhs and Guru Nanak's influence. We will also learn about how Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi around the world.

### PSHE

The children will be exploring the physical and emotional changes in puberty; the risks associated with tobacco and knowing how to help someone with asthma.

### French (KS2 only)

We will learn and use words in relation to *la famille*.

### Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning about earthquakes. They will learn about what they are, how we measure earthquakes and the effects of them. Then we will focus on The San Andreas Fault., which is on the North American Plate and the Pacific Plate.

### Music

The children will listen and appraise the song 'Stop' which is written in 'grime' style. Children will then write their own verses to the song 'Stop' Lastly, they will explore their voice as an instrument and beatbox drum kit sounds.

### ART/DT

By loosely playing around with shapes, Kenyan artist Magdalene Odundo creates ideas for her ceramic pots, and children work in the same way, with space around them, using chalk and their whole bodies to make long sweeping arm movements.

### Computing

In computing, the children will be learning how to keep safe online. Then they will create their own website about Sports Day. They will be able to bring their web link home to share with their family.

### Suggested places to visit

The Science Museum, The London Aquarium (virtually, through their websites)

### Suggested books to read

Children's Illustrated Atlas—Andrew Brooks  
Atlas of Ocean Adventures— Emily Hawkins  
The Explorer—Katherine Rundell