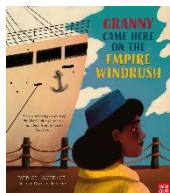


# Year 4 – Maple and Sycamore

## English

We will continue with the text 'Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush' by Patrice Lawrence. We shall learn more about the history of the Windrush and write our own factual report on the Windrush Generation.



## RE

Our RE question this half term is – Why do some people think life is a journey and what experiences mark this? We will be looking at different faiths and religions as part of our thinking and learning.



## History

This half term in History, we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks. We'll learn where Ancient Greece was located and discover the differences between the powerful city-states of Athens and Sparta, including their famous rivalry. Our lessons will also delve into Greek myths and legends, helping us understand the beliefs and values of this influential civilisation—and much more!



## PE

Tuesday – Class PE

Friday – PE with Mr Croucher

Please make sure your child brings in their PE bag on Monday morning, which will be kept in school and sent home on Friday each week to wash over the weekend.

PE kit should be provided for your child as follows:

- Black shorts, joggers or tracksuit bottoms
- Red polo shirt or t-shirt
- St John's sweatshirt or red sweatshirt
- Black plimsolls or trainers



No jewellery is to be worn on PE days. Also, watches will need to be removed for PE and hair must be tied up.

This half term, our PE lessons will focus on developing running, throwing, and jumping skills in preparation for upcoming competitions. Year 4 will take part in the Frome Schools Olympics at Oakfield School and will also participate in our St John's Sports Day.

## Times tables

Daily times table practice at home is highly encouraged. Children can use various methods, including TT Rockstars (passwords can be found in their reading records). YouTube also offers many fun and engaging songs to help reinforce their learning.



In June, children will be tested on their times table knowledge.

In class, we shall continue to focus on one times table at a time over several weeks to ensure a deep understanding and quick recall. We also teach the commutative law and the inverse relationship for each multiplication fact. We have now covered all of the times tables and will recap some of the ones we are not so confident with.



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We hope you had a great half term and the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

## Science

This half term, we will be learning about animals.

We'll begin by exploring the different habitats animals live in, then move on to recap the digestive system and teeth. To support our science learning, we'll also be taking a trip to the Earth Science Centre later this half term.



## Leavers Play/Music

We will start to learn our lines and song words for our leavers play. We will be organising the cast and props

The production is called 'The Ancient Greeks' and is linked to our history learning this term. Details of parts, lines and costumes will be sent out soon.

Performance dates will also be communicated soon.

## Art/Computing/ French/PSHE/DT

Our art will link with our history learning by drawing, designing and making a mask of Medusa plus props for our play. In Computing, we will be using Scratch to explore coding and we shall create interactive stories and games. During our French lessons we will continue to recap learning and start to learn how to talk about the different rooms in the house.

In PSHE, our theme this half term is 'Changing Me.' We will begin by learning a little about genetics and reflecting on how we have changed since we were babies. We will then move on to discuss the physical changes and changes within our lives, such as leaving St John's. Please be aware that this topic may lead to questions or conversations at home.

In our Design and Technology lessons, we will design and create our own smoothies using a smoothie bike!

## Maths

In Maths, we will continue this half term with decimals, before moving on to money, time, shape, and finishing with a focus on statistics.



## Reading

We will further enhance the children's comprehension skills by engaging them with questions related to the texts they read. Additionally, they will take part in comprehension activities during English lessons, guided reading, and phonics sessions.



## Individual Reading

Your child will continue to receive a home reading book for them to read. Please ensure you comment on their progress in their reading records. Those who receive a RWI phonics book will have their book changed on a Thursday once they have finished the next book in their phonics lesson. For the children who have completed phonics, it is their responsibility to let us know when their book needs changing.

## DATES

### June 3<sup>rd</sup> Maple Earth Science Centre

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sycamore Earth Science Centre

June 16<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Sports Day 9.30-10.30am

June 20<sup>th</sup> Street Dance performance at Merlin Theatre

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Oakfield Visit for ALL new Year 5 Oakfield children

June 27<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Transfer Day – ALL Children to New Schools