

# Ellwood Community Primary School - Core Subject Overview

## Year 4 - Spring Term 1

### English



This term in English, Year 4 will be using the text 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy, to inspire the composition of their own creative writing.

#### Spellings

Along with continuing to learn all of the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words, Year 4 will focus on the following during their spelling sessions and independent writing this term:

- Homophones & near homophones
- Nouns ending in the suffix -ation
- Adding the prefixes sub- (under) and super- (above)
- Plural words and plural possessive apostrophes.

#### Grammar

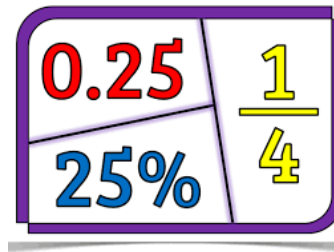
- Accurate and consistent basic punctuation.
- Expanding noun phrases.
- Use of nouns/pronouns to aid cohesion.
- Direct speech punctuation.
- Use of apostrophes for singular and plural possession.
- Writing fronted adverbials including correct punctuation.
- Using a wide range of connectives in writing.

### Maths



This term we will be learning about Multiplication and Division. The children will continue getting fluent with facts and factor pairs, whilst applying their knowledge to written methods multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers.

Our next focus will be upon Fractions and then Decimals.



Alongside our Maths lessons, we will be focusing on learning and becoming fluent in our times tables. The children should be fluent in all times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .

### Science

This term Year 4 will be learning about 'Electricity'. The children will learn and explore about electricity, how we use it and how it works. They will explore simple series circuits; learning how to complete them and how to draw them scientifically.

The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to plan and carry out investigations. They will explore conductors, insulators and throughout, conduct scientific experiments to support their learning and understanding.



# Ellwood Community Primary School - Specific Subject Overview Sycamore Class - Spring Term

## Music

This term the children will be focusing on Rock and Roll music. They will explore various pieces of Rock and Roll music by appraising, singing and using percussion instruments to build towards playing a Rock and Roll piece of music.



## Life Skills

The children will be learning about the topic 'Safety First'. They will explore ways that we can keep our bodies safe and healthy; as well as how we can identify risks and reduce dangers to ourselves in different scenarios. They will also learn how to respond to emergency scenarios.



## Computing

This term we are focusing on Programming. The children will be using the app, Scratch to develop their programming skills; learning about variables, coding and commands to code a composition of Music as a final product.



## Design & Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be exploring Textiles, with a project based on fastenings. The children will build towards an end product of a book sleeve; thinking carefully about the design, making and evaluation process.



## RE

In RE this term, the children will be exploring the question 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?' They will explore the views of Christian's and consider their own beliefs; making comparisons and drawing links.



## History

This term the children will be learning about World War II. They will explore significant figures during WWII, learn about why World War Two started and explore factors such as what life was like and what warfare technology was available. The children will also begin to draw comparisons with their previous learning about World War 1.



## PE

This term, we will have PE on Wednesday's where the children will develop their Cricket skills. The children will be attending Swimming sessions bi-weekly on a Tuesday at Cinderford Leisure Centre; where they will build on their swimming abilities, endurance and water safety knowledge and skills.

## Languages

In this term, the children will be learning how to discuss the weather in French. They will learn basic vocabulary to describe the weather; with a focus on their French speaking and pronunciation.

