



Year 4—Autumn 1 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Our European Neighbours. We will be locating key countries and capital cities in Europe and focusing on drawing comparisons between our local area and a region in France. We will also be learning about European artists and food trade links with the European continent.

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Our European Neighbours

<p>Reading</p> <p>We will begin our class reading of 'How to train your dragon'. Our first 'VIPERS' (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising) skill will be prediction. We will work on using details stated to make informed predictions.</p> 	<p>Writing</p> <p>In English lessons, we take inspiration from the text 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris to write a description of our own dragon creations. We will also write a non-chronological report about a European city we have studied in Geography.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>This half term we will work on place value of numbers up to 10,000. We will also further develop our addition and subtraction skills using formal written methods.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>This half term, we will use atlases to locate key countries and capital cities in Europe. We will draw comparisons between our local area and a region in France and make links between the size of mountains and rivers in the UK compared to those in Europe.</p>	<p>PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is 'Healthy Relationships.' This will involve, looking at how we can respond to and read people's body language and our understanding of the term bullying.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>In addition to our educational visit to Southampton Art Gallery, in class we will be giving our own opinions of art created by different European Artists, learning to tint, shade and add texture to paints and producing a final painted landscape piece.</p>
<p>French</p> <p>In French our topic will be 'Seasons'. We will look at naming seasons and constructing simple sentences about them.</p>	<p>Games and PE</p> <p>In Games, we will be further developing some of our football skills we learnt last year. In our PE lessons, we will learn about levels and unison in dance through our "Spy" dance unit.</p>	<p>D&T</p> <p>In our DT lessons our focus will be on food and nutrition. We will explore popular European pizza styles and their main ingredients and then design and make a pizza considering the nutritional value and seasonality of toppings.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>In In Science, we will be learning about plant reproduction. We will be exploring and classifying different types of seeds as well as recognising the process of pollination through the wind and insects.</p>	<p>RE (Religious Education)</p> <p>Our concept in RE is teaching; we will be learning about how teaching is shown in the lives of Buddhists.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Throughout the year in Year 4, we will have lessons run by Hampshire music called 'Listen to Me'. This half term we will be learning to play brass instruments.</p>

Key Dates:

Southampton Art Gallery Visit —Tuesday 17th September Individual photos— Friday 27th September Parents Evening—Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days):

Beech—Monday and Wednesday

Pine—Monday and Wednesday

Homework reminders:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home too.

Reading - x3 weekly

Times Table Rockstars - x3 weekly

Maths- your child will be provided with a weekly Times Table learning task to complete (**Hand out: Friday Due: Thursday**)

Completion of homework tasks/extra reading/TTRS/spelling practise will be rewarded accordingly with effort marks and house points.