

HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Year 4

Summer Term 1

We're looking forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term in Year 4.
Here's what your child will be learning this half term:

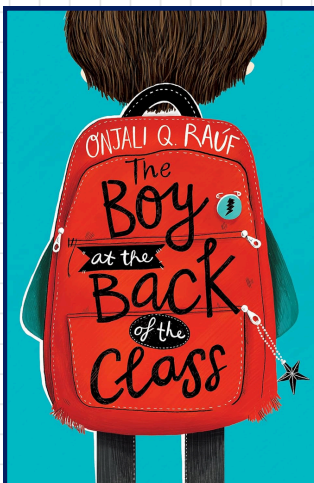
Maths

- We will be learning about decimals, money, measurement (length, mass and volume)
- We will develop arithmetic skills, mental strategies and problem solving
- We will be preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check

Writing

- Critical analysis of Narrative Poetry
- Third person adventure story
- Newspaper reports
- We will develop skills in formal tone, story plots and descriptive devices (metaphors, similes and adverbs)

Reading



- We will read *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a story about friendship, kindness and helping others.
- Children will develop comprehension, vocabulary and reading fluency through discussion and questioning.

Across the Curriculum

In DT we will learn about electrical systems, including how switches work in circuits.

In Science we will learn about electricity, including building simple circuits and understanding how they work.

In Geography we will learn about the water cycle.

In History we will begin our study of Ancient Egypt.

We will use data logging to collect and present information in Computing.

We will explore painting techniques, creating tints, tones and an ombré effect inspired by *Mountains and Sea* (1952) by Helen Frankenthaler.



Mountains and Sea (1952)
by Helen Frankenthaler (1928 – 2011)

- In PSHE we will learn about keeping healthy (dental care and hygiene)
- In RE we will explore how people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals.
- In Music we will study dynamics to evoke mood.
- In Spanish we will learn how to express opinions.
- In PE we will take part in fitness activities indoors and play rounders outdoors.

Home Learning

- Read regularly with your child (ideally daily) and encourage discussion about what they have read.
- Practise times tables (using TTRS) and number facts.
- Complete the weekly spelling task.
- Encourage your child to talk about their learning and share new knowledge.

Enrichment

- Opportunities for practical science investigations with electricity.
- Creative art projects linked to painting techniques.
- Professor McGinty will be visiting to share his knowledge about Ancient Egypt.

Optional Activities

- Create a simple electrical circuit model using household items (with adult support).
- Draw and label the water cycle.
- Research and present a fact about Ancient Egypt.