



# Year 4 - Summer Term 2

I hope you all had a lovely summer and a well earned rest. I am looking forward to getting to know the children. We have so much planned and hope that the children enjoy their first term in year 4! Please remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSSycamore](https://twitter.com/GPSSycamore) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 4!

## Important Dates:

**Monday 5th September:** KS2 French Day

**Wednesday 7th September:** Meet the teacher evening – 5pm.

**Monday 19th September:** KS2 Climate Change Talks with Green Peace.

**Tuesday 27th September:** M&M Productions - The Secret Garden.

**Wednesday 12th October:** Harvest Festival at Trinity Church – Parents invited (AM)

**Friday 21st October:** Key Stage 2 Environmental Exhibition for parents - 9.15am.

## French

In French, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves by explaining what our name is, how old we are and where we live.

## English

This half term, we will be looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We are starting the year off by looking at poetry which will be focusing on feelings. The children will read and reflect on a variety of poems about feelings and will write their own based on their emotions. They will then perform their poem to the class using intonation and tone.

We will then be moving on to look at a non-fiction text. The children will look at non-chronological reports based on different topics and over a few weeks will write their own using the different features all about global warming and sustainability.

Within our English lessons, we will also be looking at spelling patterns such as adding the prefixes **re, in and im** to root words and will also be looking at adding suffixes such as **-ation, -tion**. We will also look at how to spell irregular plurals.

## Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be looking at a variety of different books all based around our topic of global warming and sustainability including 'Dear Greenpeace', 'Greta and the Giants' and 'The Day the Ocean Went Away'. The texts will differ from fiction to non-fiction and we will be using our reading techniques to decode words and to gain an understanding.

We will also be getting our 'Mystery Book Box' from Mrs Clayton which the children will be able to read when reading for pleasure.

## Maths

In Maths, this half-term we will begin the half term by looking at number and place value. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, looking at column method.

We will then be moving on to multiplication and division. We will start by looking at the grid method for multiplication, multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and then will move on to the long multiplication method. For division we will be learning how to share a number of objects and then will move on to the chunking method.

## Science

In science we will start the year off with learning about electricity. The children will learn about different components of an electrical system and will learn how to build a series of electrical circuit using different elements. We will also look at the difference between insulators and conductors through different practical investigations. By the end of the unit, children will use labelled diagrams to show their understanding of what a series circuit looks like.

## RE

This term our RE unit is Hindu Dharma and we will be focusing on the question 'What might a Hindu learn through Diwali?' The children will be looking at the story of Rama and Sita and will also explain how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.

## Art

This half term we will be focusing on collage and the children will be creating a piece of artwork linked to our topic of sustainability. We will be using different household materials to create our picture, so please save any materials which you might use. Once we have collaged a background from recycled materials the children will be learning the skill of quilling to add a 3d effect to their artwork.

## Topic

Our new topic for this half term is Global Warming and Sustainability which will be focusing on Geography. We will be learning about what global warming is and how our world around us has changed over time due to it. We will also look at ways of how we can be sustainable and what we can do in our local community to ensure we are caring for our planet to protect its natural resources.

We will also be looking at Greenpeace and a representative will be coming into school to discuss with the children what they do and why it is important to be sustainable.

## PSHE

We will be continuing our PSHE topic entitled 'Growing and Changing.' The children will look at the terms secret and surprise and look at the difference between and the commitment between two people when they commit to each other through marriage.

## Music

This half term, our music will be delivered by Ms Jones our singing teacher. The children will be learning about the terms rhythm and pulse and will compose their own song based on our topic of global warming and sustainability.

## Computing

In computing, we will begin the year by looking at E-Safety. The children will learn about how to keep safe online and what search engines are suitable for them. We will also look at recognising that some sources are more reliable than others.

## PE

This half term, we will be going swimming to All Seasons Leisure Centre. Please ensure children have their swimming kits on **THURSDAYS**. We will also be taking part in PE lessons delivered by Teddy Tennis on **WEDNESDAYS**.