



# Year 4 Spring (1)

## English

### Key Text: 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell

This half term, your child will continue to develop their descriptive writing techniques in narratives, punctuate speech correctly and practise writing more complex sentences. They will also be learning how to write letters and persuasion texts. They will be encouraged to start joining their letters correctly in their writing. In reading, they will be improving their fluency when reading aloud, develop their vocabulary and how to use evidence in the text to support their opinions. In spelling, they will be learning to spell words beginning with 'gu', ending in 'ture', homophones and the use of the possessive apostrophe with plurals. They will also be learning how to spell and use the Y4 statutory words correctly.

#### How you can help your child at home:

Talk about the words they are learning to spell and what they mean. Use them in context to boost your child's understanding. Daily reading aloud and regular discussions about what they have read, especially the meaning of new words they meet in their books, is also beneficial. Completion of any homework set on Century Tech will also help your child progress.

## Geography Climatic regions and biomes.

Your child will be investigating how geographers zone the world, naming and locating different biomes on world maps with particular attention being paid to comparing Polar and Tropical rainforest biomes.

#### How you can help your child at home:

Each week, ask your child to tell you what they have learned in their geography lessons. Look through atlases and identify the different zones with your child. The weblink below also provides support:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zvsp92p#z6bywx2>

## Maths

This half term, your child will be learning about fractions (equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and whole numbers) and decimal fractions (tenths and 100ths) as well as dividing by 10 and 100. We will look at the different ways we can write a fraction (eg  $0.1 = 1/10$ ) We will continue to focus on their X table knowledge and their corresponding division facts for all of the times tables.

#### How you can help your child at home:

Regular practice of times tables and the related division facts, using TT Rockstars or quick fire questions from you.

Completing any homework set and discussing what fractions and decimals are (part of a whole)

## Science How do we hear?

Your child will learn all about sound and how we receive it. They will learn how sounds are made, how they travel, its pitch and volume and how sounds can be made by air vibrating.

They will learn to hypothesise Conduct an investigation using practical equipment and learn how record their findings.

#### How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child to explain to you what they have learned about sound each week. Discuss the words that name the different parts of the inner ear and learn how to spell them at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm/articles/z8bntrd>

## Spanish

Your child will be learning how to name 10 different animals and further vocabulary to support phrases.

### How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child to teach you the words and phrases they have learned in class each Friday.

Encourage your child to access the Spanish games on Language Angels:  
[www.languageangels.com](http://www.languageangels.com) (click login, then select Pupil games)

Login: Withymoor2018

Password Withymoor2018

**RE** Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?  
Children will be considering why and how forgiveness is important to lots of people.

### How you can help your child at home:

Discuss the impact of forgiveness and looking after each other.

## Music

Your child will continue to learn more notes on their flute, as well as developing their ability to read music.

### How you can help your child at home:

Encourage your child to practise new notes that they learn.

## RHSE Living in the Wider World

We will be learning about how data can be used or shared. We will also look at how to make sensible, safe decisions with money.

### How you can help your child at home:

Talk to them about how to keep their personal information safe and secure, especially if they are accessing websites online. Discuss how to save and spend their own money (or yours!) carefully!

## Art Drawing

Your child will learn about the artist Paul Cadden.

They will learn to develop their sketching skills by understanding how to use various pencil to produce different effects.

### How you can help your child at home:

Practise drawing, sketching and shading at home.

## Computing

E-safety - your child will be learning more about how to keep safe online and how to be a responsible internet user.

Writing for different audiences - they will be using various computer programmes to produce a variety of texts.

### How you can help your child at home:

Ask your child what they have learned about how to use the internet safely. The link below has some useful learning about the internet  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f>

## PE

Your child will continue to attend weekly swimming lessons. In our other PE lesson every Friday, children will be learning the rules and skills needed to successfully play Rugby.

### How you can help your child at home:

Encourage your child to independently pack their swimming bag.

## Skills Builder

Children will be focusing on two skills. Planning (setting goals and designing routes to achieve them) in January and Adapting (overcoming challenges and setbacks to achieve goals) in February.

Thank you for your continued support  
**Mrs Sanghera and Miss Odgen**

