English

This half term we will be exploring the story 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. The children will discuss its themes, imagery, and historical context. They will learn to use a range of grammar skills, such as dialogue to show character, noun phrases for description, conjunctions for comparison and personification and prepositions to bring settings to life. The children will use these skills to write diary entries, letters, character comparisons, and setting descriptions, culminating with their own evacuation narrative.

Maths

Year 3 will:

- Continue with addition and subtraction.
- Identify the inverse operations and numbers which total 100.
- Focus on learning x2, x5, x10, x4, x8 and x3 tables.
- Identify fact families, identifying that division as the inverse of multiplication.

Year 4 will:

- Explore area. Identifying that area is the space taken up by a 2D shape or surface.
- Focus on learning x6, x9, x7, x11 and x12 tables. Explore fact families, identifying that division as the inverse of multiplication.

PE

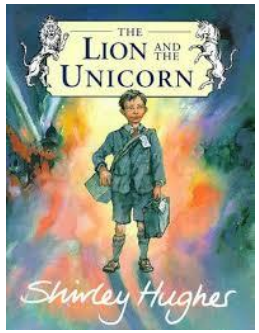
Children will continue to enjoy two PE sessions per week. In one of the sessions, the children will learn how to do the Lindy Hop dance, this session will be taught by dance teacher Jill Errington. In the second session, Jamie from access coaching will be delivering lessons on basketball.

RE

This half-term, we will focus on why Advent is important for Christians. Exploring its significance and traditions.

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History

During this half term, the children will learn about evacuation, rationing, and how Christmas was different during the war. The children will also discover local stories, including those of Doris Ewbank, who helped support evacuees and families. Through these lessons, pupils will explore how the war changed everyday life for children in our region.

Music

In music, the children will listen to soul and gospel music, focusing on "Lean on Me", discussing its rhythm and using correct musical language to talk about what they hear.

Computing

The children will be learning how to use digital tools for communication and collaboration. They will practise sending, receiving and replying to emails in a safe and structured environment. They will also learn, how to add attachments to their emails.

French

This half-term, the children will be learning to read, say and identify different animals in French. They will also begin to use simple sentences to talk about animals and practice their pronunciation.

Science

This half term in Science, Year 3 and 4 children will be learning about electricity. They will begin by identifying common household appliances that run on electricity. Then they will move onto identifying and building simple series circuits using wires, bulbs, batteries, switches and buzzers. They'll learn how switches control a circuit and explore which materials are conductors or insulators, discovering that metals are good conductors.

Art

This half term the children will study the artist Georgia O'Keeffe, focusing on her famous close up flower paintings. They'll begin with observational flower drawings, use oil pastels to explore colour and texture and progress to creating their own flower art using watercolours.

PSHE

We are very lucky this half term to have the team from Connect (Mental Health Support Team) to deliver our PSHE lessons on friends' resilience. They will learn how to build and maintain positive friendships, show empathy and kindness and develop strategies to cope with challenges.



Enriching School Curriculum

6th November – Beamish outreach visit, Odd socks day Monday 10th November (Antibullying week)
13th November – Whole Key Stage trip to Beamish
21st November – Red Class Assembly
11th December – Key Stage Two Christmas performance in ST Mary's Church