



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Art

Painting and mixed media: Light and dark

In this unit, we will develop our knowledge of tints and shades. We will also look at how to create three-dimensional art through sketching. Moving on to painting techniques, our focus will be still life.

P.E

Badminton

In Badminton we will develop our racket skills – learning how to use a forehand or backhand grip to control and strike a shuttlecock. We will learn how to strike a shuttle in different ways, altering the distance it travels. We will practice rallies and mini badminton games.

Maths

Fractions:

In this unit we will learn about proper and improper fractions and equivalence and will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Decimals:

We will learn about tenths and hundredths and some different ways they can be represented: fractions, decimals and number.

Literacy

Poetry:

We will begin this half term by listening to and discussing Robert Louis Stevenson's poem, *From a Railway Carriage*, before using this as inspiration for our own poetry.

Biography: Talk for Writing

As we are learning about the impact of the Victorians in History, we will write a biography of a significant person from this era.

History

Victorians

This half-term we will be learning about the Victorian era. We will compare and contrast parts of Newcastle and Gosforth to see how and why it changed during this time. We will also learn about the country-wide impact of the industrial revolution and why Newcastle was an important place in this era.

Year 4

Victorians



Sound



Science

Sound

This half term we will be continuing to investigate how sounds are made and look at the features of different objects that enable them to produce specific sounds. We will carry out fair tests relating to volume and create our own comparative test to investigate the best materials for ear defenders.

Computing

Coding

We will continue to use code.org for our programming sessions. Building on our prior learning, we will explore conditional code, functions and if/else blocks before applying all of these techniques into a final programme.

PSHE & 'Together Time'

Health and Wellbeing

What can I do to live a healthy life?

Our focus will be on what we can do to maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally. Our 'No Outsiders' text, 'When Sadness comes to call', focuses on mental health.

Music

Djembe drums

This half term we continue to learn the Djembe drums – recapping our previous learning of 'ton-beh' and 'pa-da-beh' rhythms before learning and performing a new rhythm.

Religious Education

Religions in the local community

This half term we will continue to learn about the different religions that are represented in our classrooms as well as our local community. We will visit a local Buddhist centre to learn more about this religion.



**Character
Culture
Creativity
Challenge**

Enrichment, Hooks & Pupil Engagement: Victorian Day, Buddhist Centre RE Visit,

'The Big Picture' Task:

Throughout Year 4 we have learned about the modern-day impact of Ancient civilisations such as the Ancient Greeks and Romans. Now we will look at a more recent time period, the Victorian Era, and consider how life changed during the reign of Queen Victoria, especially in our local area and how that has influenced our lives today.

'Stunning Start' & 'Fantastic Finish' ('Mantle of the Expert'):

Mantle of the Expert – Newcastle Historical Association discover some Victorian artefacts related to significant Victorians and their impact on Newcastle. Our team will find out more about their famous owners and decide how to preserve the site where the objects were discovered.