English – Tales of Wisdom and Wonder

In English, we will be focusing on the Power of Reading text 'Tales of Wisdom and Wonder'. The book includes seven stories gathered from sources around the world. All of our writing will be based on these stories and the children will be applying their developing literacy skills to produce high quality descriptive writing which includes a range of figurative language.

Topic – Africa

Our topic for Term 2 continues with the focus on the African continent. We will continue to explore Africa's key physical and human characteristics and their effects on population density. As well as this, we will be using our geographical skills to explore these features on OS maps using 4- and 6-figure grid references and drawing accurate maps with more complex keys.

P.E. – Badminton and Multi-skills

Year 4 will be developing their badminton skills, such as learning the correct stance and grip to play various shots, as well as participating in Multi-skills.

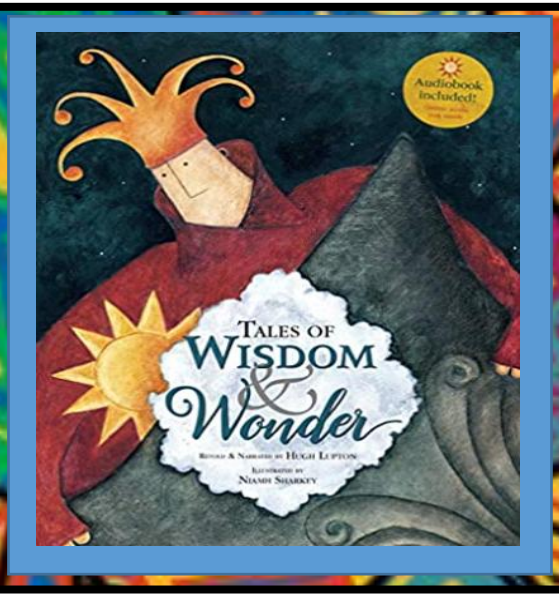
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We will be talking about maintaining a healthy body and mind and thinking about how exercise is good for our mental and physical health.

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Tales of Wisdom and Wonder, retold by Hugh Lupton



Spanish

The children will continue to develop their Spanish language skills, centring around classroom commands, whilst learning how to discuss their local area, exploring vocabulary for different places, types of shop and directions.

Computing

We will identify the input and output devices required to work with sound digitally. We will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. In order to record audio themselves, we will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files.

Art/DT

Continuing with our African theme, we will be exploring the work of Hugo Pineda before turning our hands to tie-dying T-shirts using his techniques!

Maths

St. Thérèse's class will be consolidating key skills and checking strategies and learning about area as well as multiplication and division. You can help your child at home by practising their times tables and number facts!

R.E.

Children will show some understanding of the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time and why people needed to be reminded of God's covenant. We will reflect on how the prophets Elijah and John the Baptist's words speak to people today. We will make links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree. Children will know that the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year and describe what is celebrated.

In RSE, we will be looking at the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation and children will learn to celebrate similarities and differences, and to appreciate and look after their bodies as gifts from God.

Music

The children will continue to learn the ukulele. Do encourage them to practise at home.

Science – States of Matter

In Year 4 this term, the children are going to be learning all about states of matter – solids, liquids and gases. We have some exciting investigations planned!