



# Year 4 Finches



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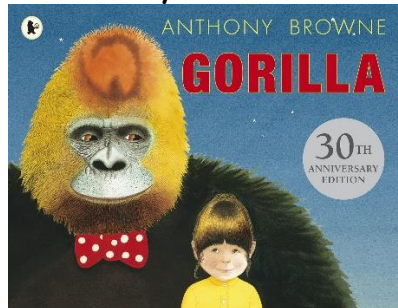


**Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1 - 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely festive break and had lots of rest! We are looking forward to a jam packed half term of very exciting learning. In this table is a detailed explanation of all the learning which will take place in Spring 1.

## English

Key Text: **Gorilla- Anthony Browne**



For our next topic we will be looking at Gorilla, By Anthony Browne. The books tells the story of a lonely, little girl whose father never has time for her. She wishes for a real gorilla for her birthday but gets a soft toy one instead. Not being too pleased about this she tosses it aside before going to bed where it changes into a real live one during the night.

Pupils will read the story and use it as inspiration to write their own narratives.

## Maths

White Rose maths units this half term focus on multiplication and division, length and perimeter and fractions.

As well as this topic we will also be continuing with our times tables practice.



## Geography

Our geography question this half term is 'What makes the earth angry?'

We will be exploring the causes of earthquakes and volcanoes as well as their effects.

The children will be revisiting their map and atlas skills while locating active, dormant and extinct volcanoes.



## Religious Education

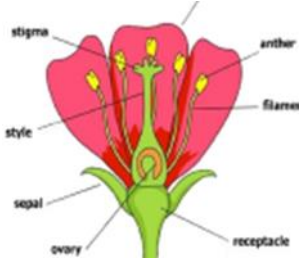


Our R.E. questions are - **How are Christian communities different? How does belonging to a church community effect what a believer does? Why is the escape from Egypt important to Jewish people?**



## Physical Education

The children will be learning how to play the exciting, fast and skilful sport of Netball.



<p><b><u>Computing</u></b>  This term we will be looking at the first of two programming units in Year 4. This first unit looks at repetition and loops within programming. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language.</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b>  We will be learning about plants in our biology topic this half term. This includes labelling the different parts of each plant with their function. We will be looking at the role that flowers play in reproduction and the crucial things that plants need to survive.</p> 	
<p><b><u>French</u></b>  We have a weekly lesson, combining conversational French with some written work on grammar and vocabulary.</p> 	<p><b><u>PSHE</u></b>  This half term, our Jigsaw puzzle is "Dreams and Goals".</p> 	<p><b><u>COAL</u></b>  On Tuesday afternoons the children have a fantastic opportunity for creative, outdoor and adventurous learning. This includes music taught by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service and PE.</p>

**Reminders**

Our COAL afternoon is Tuesday. Finches have music and P.E. in their COAL lessons this half term. On P.E. days please can you send your children in their P.E kits, which they will stay in for the entire day on Tuesday and Thursday. Please be mindful that the children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms and tops; these need to be blue.

Homework for maths and English will be set on Fridays, to be completed by the following Friday. This will be set on Seesaw.

Reading books should be in school every day please.

I am looking forward to a fantastic half term, thank you in advance for all your support in these matters.

**Mr. Aljilani**