

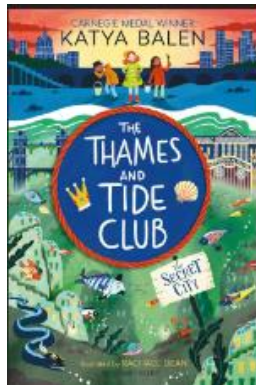


Year 4 Summer Term

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a brilliant Easter holiday. I can't believe we are already in Summer term and the children are coming to the end of their time in Year 4! We have another brilliant term planned for the children. Please remember to look at the latest news and photographs on our website <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> to see what we get up to in Year 4!

Important Dates:

- Monday 15th April: SCARF Workshop
- Tuesday 30th April: Rock Kidz
- Friday 26th April – RE session from Parklands students
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 8th May: OAA CSSP Festival – Gillibrand Team - Astley Park
- Monday 20th May: CAD KS2 Day
- **Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May: HALF TERM**
- Monday 3rd June – INSET (school closed)
- Tuesday 11th June: Ambitions Class Photos
- Friday 14th June: Alternative Sports Festival – Gillibrand Team
- Monday 17th June: Friday 21st June: Sports Week
- Wednesday 26th June: Farm Trip
- Wednesday 3rd July: Transition Day
- Friday 19th July: Last day of Term
- Monday 22nd July: Staff Inset (School closed)



English

This half term we will be looking at non-fiction texts of information leaflets and the use of persuasive language. We will be using our knowledge learned in our topic lessons of the Leeds to Liverpool canal, to create an information leaflet using lots of facts and information that we have found out.

We will then be moving on to a poetry unit where we will be specifically looking at kennings poems. We will look at the structure of the poem and think about how this differs from other poem types. Then plan and write our own using the same structure.

Within our English lessons, we will also be looking at grammar including how to use fronted adverbials and how to punctuate these correctly in our writing. Our spelling pattern will be to add suffixes and prefixes onto root words.

Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be continuing to do daily reading sessions using the book 'The Thames and the Tide Club' by Katya Balen. This is a great adventure story based in the heart of London and before you know it, the Thames and Tide Club are on the weirdest, wildest, underwater adventure they could possibly have imagined on a mission to save Underwater London!

French

In French, this half term the children will be learning basic names of the different objects in the classroom. We will also be recapping on our previous unit on our family

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. Children will use diagrams to identify how many equal parts a shape has been split into and move on to thinking about how many more parts are needed to make the whole. They will use the denominator to identify how many equal parts a whole has been divided into. The children will then move onto decimals exploring tenths through different representations of 1 whole split into ten equal parts, including place value counters, straws, counters on a ten frame and bead strings.

As always, alongside our maths lessons we will have a big focus on times tables and the children will be using TT Rockstars to help them to retain their knowledge. Please can you ensure your child accesses TT Rockstars at home.

Science

In science, we will start our new unit called 'Sound'. We will look at how sounds are made and how they travel to the ear whilst learning new vocabulary such as vibrations, volume and pitch. We will be carrying out lots of investigations and using our working scientifically skills to find out what happens to sound as we get further away and how the pitch changes depending on the object which produces it.

RE

This half term we will be looking at: How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values? We will start with what the children already know about the Guru Nanak and then we will start to look at what the Sikh symbol represents and the significance of the 5ks. We will end our topic searching for personal meaning as to what would our concept be for living a meaningful life?

Art

This half term we will focus the artists: Alice Kettle, Hannah Rae who combine painting with sewing. The children will be creating washes for backgrounds then adding detail through paints and sewing techniques.

Topic

This half term we will be looking at the history of canals and asking the question: How did the opening of the canals help Chorley? We will look at why canals were invented and how they impacted throughout the industrial revolution. How did they help the transportation of materials? The children will be using research skills to find out the oldest canals and where they are situated within England and who was responsible for building them. The children will be especially focusing on the Leeds to Liverpool canals and the impact that this had on the area of Chorley for trade. They will also be looking at how the use of the canals has changed over time and how the canal barges have changed to suit our life styles.

PSHE

This half term we will be looking at the topic growing and changing. We will be looking at how our body changes as we grow and how marriage is a commitment to each other.

Music

This half term, we are going to continue learning the recorder. This half term we will be continuing to learn the different notes on the recorder including G, A, B. We will then be composing our own tune.

Computing

In computing, we will continue to develop our computer skills by developing our understanding of how to save and print our work, copy and paste images off the internet and how to open up folders.

PE

This half term, we will continue to our swimming at All Seasons Leisure Centre. Please ensure children have their swimming kits on **Mondays**. We will also be taking part in Teddy Tennis sessions on **Wednesday**.

