

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

## History and Mystery of Brownsea



### **English:**

The children will be trying their hand at two different text types based on the history and mystery of Brownsea Island. They will write their own journey story and create concrete poems using Brownsea Island as their inspiration.

### **Maths:**

The children will begin learning about multiplication and division before moving on to developing their understanding of area. There will continue to be a big push on ensuring that the children are secure in their times tables knowledge – please keep the practice up at home too! The children are doing brilliantly so far!

**P.E:** The children will be improving their gym skills during indoor lessons and trying their hand at golf skills outdoors. PE continues to be Tuesday every week.

**Computing:** The children will be learning all about creating digital pamphlets.

**Religion and World Views:** This half term the children will be learning about Islam and their place of worship.

**French:** The children will be learning how to say different colours and ask questions.

**Music:** The children will be singing and performing, using rock and roll music as an influence.

### **Trip:**

This half term, we are excited to go on a boat trip around Brownsea Island which is provided, free of charge, by a joint venture between RSPB Poole, 'Birds of Poole Harbour' Education Charity and the Sound Approach.

**4D: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**4G and 4S: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



### **DT:**

The children will be baking! They will design and bake their own savoury muffins!

### **Reading:**

This half term, the children will continue to develop their skills in fact retrieval, inference and word meaning. Our class reader this half term will be 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo.

### **Recommended Reading:**

- 'Flood and Fang' and 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick
- 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo

### **Science and Geography:**

In Science, the children will learn about living things and their habitats with a particular focus on local wildlife. They will learn how to classify animals.

In Geography, the children will learn about Brownsea and the local area, focussing on its geography using map work.

### **PSHE: Dreams and Goals**

The children will understand that it is important to have hopes and dreams. Additionally, they will learn about the importance of resilience and how to draw upon positive and happy times to help them overcome disappointments, then how to set new plans to achieve a new goal.

### **Home-learning:**

For this term's home learning, we would like to give the children a task related to our science topic: draw (or make!) a diorama of a local habitat. Teachers will go over what this is in class.

**Home-Learning is due during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A note in diaries will be attached with more details at the start of term.**