

**Topic: Alice in Sunderland**

**Literacy: The children will be learning about stories with a fantasy setting:**

Children will be reading and exploring the four novels, Alice in Wonderland, Harry Potter, Wizard of Oz and The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

We will be comparing and contrasting the transition from reality to fantasy, writing character descriptions, using adjectives and similes for setting descriptions to help children build up to writing their own story.

**Reading: Class novel - Alice in Wonderland**

Children will explore various versions of Alice in Wonderland and Alice through the Looking Glass. Our focus novel will be directly compared to the Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, Harry Potter and the Wizard of Oz

There will be a range of non-fiction books regarding the History of Sunderland for children to use in topic work.

**Numeracy: Direction**

Children will be using positional language interactively within the classroom to navigate through 'wonderland'. They will be describing position of 2D shapes using co-ordinates, translations and plotting co-ordinates to draw shapes.

This will be applied to topic work through drawing maps of local locations in Sunderland (Mowbray Park).

**P.S.H.E: Families**

We will be looking at characters in the stories who don't live with their parents. We will explore and discuss how families aren't always 'conventional'.

**History**

We will be investigating Sunderland's rich history: from the Ship Yards to the Victoria Hall disaster. We will be learning about life for people in Sunderland at these times and linking this to our writing. We will be writing persuasive leaflets for the Victoria hall as well as Newspaper articles. We will also be writing diary entries for Shipyard workers. This will encourage the children to have empathy for the people who lived in town at that time.

**Science: Sound**

We will be linking our science to the Victoria Hall disaster by making electrical alarms and lights that would have helped avoid the disaster.

**Art/Design and Technology:**

We will be designing and making pottery for the Madhatter's tea party and we will be studying Lowri, who has strong links with Sunderland, and we look forward to inviting parents in to view the masterpieces!

**P.E. Team Games**

The children will be trained by an athletics coach.

We will be moving to sound and creating our own dance routines based on the music from Alice in Wonderland.

**R.E: What do Christians believe about God?**

We will be exploring different religious buildings and learning about their uses.

**Music: Poetry and verse**

Children will be exploring the poems, riddles and verses performed throughout Alice in Wonderland. They will be concentrating on syllables to establish rhythm and timing.

**Computing: Scratch computer programming-**

Follow the white rabbit instruction will help children to programme small animations on the computer.

### **Homework:**

Home Reading books can be taken home and returned to school daily. Children are encouraged to read at home each day and receive a stamp in their Reading Journal.

Spellings will be given out each Friday for the children to learn over the weekend, for a test on the following Friday. We are grateful for any times you can spend helping your child learn their spelling words and reading.

The children will be asked to complete a project based topic homework - we are very excited to see what they produce as last term's efforts were amazing!

### **Reminders:**

PE will be on Wednesday (4AB) and Thursday (4VM), children will be expected to have their full school PE kits in school (including sensible footwear for outdoor sports). It is advised that PE kits come in on a Monday and are left for the duration of the week as other opportunities for sport may arise.

Children will need a water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. Water bottles are available to purchase from the office for £1.50.

### **Don't Forget:**

We are always here to talk about anything you may be concerned about. Please don't hesitate to come and speak with us or make an appointment for a time to suit you.

### **Fundraising**

We would love to take the children to Sunderland Empire to see 'Wonderland'. It is very expensive but a fantastic opportunity for the children so we are going to fundraise to help towards the cost. Fundraising ideas are very welcome!

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**Year 4**



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