

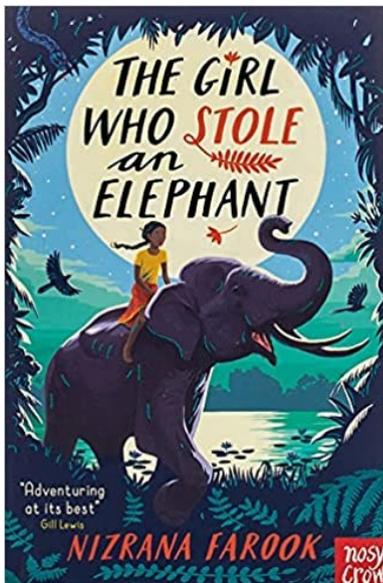


# *Life, Love and Light*

## Curriculum overview

Year 4

Term 1



**In Term 1, our learning adventure, entitled 'Life, Love and Light' will be an exploration of Hinduism, elephants, the story of Rama and Sita and electricity.**

Subject-specific focus will be:

- **English** – Our learning will be based around the text 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' which is a fantastic fictional book about a child growing up in India. For our non-fiction, we will be focusing on information texts about Indian animals, with a specific focus on elephants. Spellings will be taught discretely, as well as in the English lessons and will be a combination of word patterns and also the exception words for Year 4.
- Reading lessons will take place every day. Some children will be supported by the phonics-based Read-Write-Inc. All children will experience a wide range of texts and will have the opportunities to use their VIPERS reading skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summary).
- **Maths** –We will be teaching children place value and addition and subtraction. Alongside this the children will have regular mental maths learning and problem solving. We will be using practical equipment in all aspects of maths teaching. There is a big focus this year on multiplication tables and the children will be expected to know all of their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by April next year. We would really appreciate you supporting your child with this at home.
- **Art** - We will be looking at Rangoli patterns and designing and colouring their own patterns.
- **Computing**– We will be using Logo and focusing on e-safety.
- **Science**– The focus will be electricity, investigating circuits and looking at keeping safe. We will also be making circuits to light up a 3D model house for a Diwali celebration of light.
- **RE** - Hinduism, learning about worship, Gods, festivals and customs. The children will also be studying the story of Rama and Sita.
- **Design and Technology** – Designing and making packaging for Indian food then making it! We will be making flatbreads and raita.
- **P.S.H.E.** –All of our PHSE lessons are based around the Jigsaw scheme of work.
- **P.E.** – 'Winter Games' (hockey, netball, football, rugby), gymnastics team building. The children will also be participating in the Daily Mile.
- **Music** – Exploring rhythm and melody in Indian music, composing using the pentatonic scale, Christmas songs.
- **Spanish** – family, numbers, colours, school, animals

## **SPECIAL DAYS**

### **Hinduism day— Wednesday 22nd September**

The children and the Year 4 teachers and LSAs will be dressing up for the day in traditional costume or bright and colourful clothes. There will be a range of activities to make the day really special, such as making flatbreads, playing some traditional games, learning the story of Rama and Sita and completing some art work.

### **Bollywood dancing week— Week beginning 18th October**

#### **Performance to parents— Friday 22nd October 1.45pm**

We are delighted to be bringing Bollywood dancing back to Ocklynge again this year, led by Charlotte Jalley, a talented dancer who has years of experience of teaching Bollywood dance. The children will take part in daily workshops, learning traditional and modern Bollywood dances, which will culminate in a performance for family and friends on the Friday. The children will also learn about the history of Bollywood dance.

There will be a cost for this workshop of £10.

## How can you help?

- ◆ Support your children with their homework as this will be linked closely to the year 4 curriculum.
- ◆ Ensure your child knows their multiplication tables, up to 12x12 and help them to practise these for instant recall.
- ◆ Talk to your children about their learning.
- ◆ Read with your children every day and record this in their reading records.
- ◆ Encourage them to play TT Rock Stars.
- ◆ Log on and use My Maths
- ◆ Investigate and play through Spelling Shed.

If you have any questions or queries ,please contact

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Best wishes: Nicky Cavaliere and the Year 4 team