

English

This half term we are looking at the brilliant text Oliver Twist! We will be learning how to vary our sentence structure to engage the reader. We will continue to develop knowledge of descriptive vocabulary, word classes and setting and character descriptions. We will then move on to a non-chronological report writing about Queen Victoria which will require many different skills for us to work on, including cohesive devices, formal language and true facts.

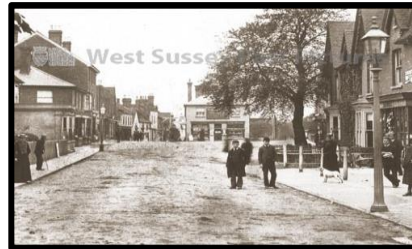
Physical Education

In PE this half term Year 4 will be continuing to develop their swimming abilities. In PE sessions children will be developing their balance and coordination with a specific focus on ball skills. In addition, they will articulate what they are doing well and areas for improvement.

Religious Education

In our first topic this term, we will be learning about the role of the priest and other parish members, including how they support the needy in the parish community. We will be researching the people and places that make up our parish community, in particular volunteers who give up their time to support the community.

Year 4 - Spring 1 Then and Now



Art and Design

We will use viewfinders to create macro images of butterfly wings looking at colour, balance and composition. Children will study Van Gogh sunflowers and create their own piece using oil pastels. The children will be using clay to create a tea-light holder.

Mathematics

Throughout the term, we will be consolidating speed and accuracy of times table facts in preparation for the multiplication check in June. We will be learning different methods to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers and learn about factor pairs. We will also be learning to convert between km and m. At the end of the half term, we will be looking at calculating perimeter of shapes.

History

In this topic, we will investigate how Crawley High Street has changed since the Victorian period and will carry out fieldwork to help us compare old photos to now. We will then look how Crawley New Town developed after WW2. In addition, we will research the life of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Computing

We will start this half term learning about online safety and the steps children could take to keep themselves protected online. We will also be learning how to edit and change a photo.