

## Spring 1 Overview – 2023-2024

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
English	Space Poetry	The spider and the fly – using our writing skills to create a narrative, we will be looking at describing character and setting and using speech to do so.		The Watertower – reading comprehension, analysing characters and motives, diary entry, setting description, use of dialogue to convey character, suspense stories		
Spelling	Identify when to use the possessive apostrophe with singular words & plural words, Know that the digraph ‘ch’ can make the /k/ sound and the /sh/ sound (with words of French origin), Use the short vowel sound /i/ when spelt with a ‘y’, Add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer, Words spelt using ‘ge’ ‘gue’ and ‘que’.					
Reading	Completing Warrior boy from Autumn 2		We will be going on a reading journey using the beautiful picture book ‘Nelson Mandela’s Long Walk to Freedom’ by Chris Van Wyk and will be exploring information texts about South Africa			
Maths	Area	Multiplication and division			Fractions	
Science	Forces – In this unit, we will identify and explain the effects of different forces, including air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will explore these forces using a range of experiments and record our results using scientific diagrams and explanations.					
P.E.						
Games	Netball – as the weather was not on our side last half term, we will continue to apply our passing skills into attack and defense for games					
Computing	Vector drawings – The children will start to create vector drawings and use different drawing tools to help them create images.					
History	Vikings – This unit will be driven by the enquiry ‘Who were the Vikings?’. Once we have located the chronology of their time in Britain, we will explore the stereotype image of the Vikings and how they gained this reputation through evaluation of historical sources. We will question if they were more than raiders and the historical evidence that supports this viewpoint.					
R.E.	Community (Umma) We will explore the concept of community and what this means in the Muslim faith. Through our unit, we will discuss the pillars of Hajj and Zakat and how the concept of community is developed through these. We will explain our own thoughts about community and how a sense of community affects peoples’ lives.					
PDL	Drugs Education – We will explore a range of legal and illegal drugs and discuss their risks and effects. We will also explore the role of peer pressure and strategies to resist this. First Aid – We will explore how to recognize burns and scalds and how to respond appropriately to someone who has suffered one.			Living in the Wider World - We will focus on the risks and pressures children may encounter in their life and consider the risks in relation to being gamble aware.		
Art	New art for this half term coming soon					
French	What’s the weather - By the end of this unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to describe the weather and to also present a weather forecaster pretending to be on television. This enables us to link the weather vocabulary with map work, compass points and general geography. This unit improves both language and cultural knowledge.					
Music	Film Harmonies – We will listen to music with a variety of textures, noticing different types of harmony. We will then improvise and compose our own film score, including the use of simple chord structures.					