



## Mersey Park Half Term Overview



### Spring 1

### Year 4

#### Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be learning about the story of The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo.

We will be writing a diary and an argument text, and describing the characters in the book.

We will also write clear and precise instructions for how to make and sew a cute, mini Edward Tulane!



#### Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be focussing making links between texts and finding similarities between characters.

We will be learning these spelling patterns each week and we will be looking out for them in our reading books; Suffixes; -sion after d, de, se, -ous, /ee/ - i when followed by a suffix.

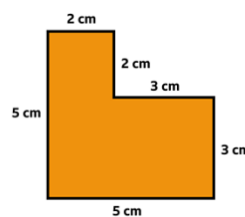
We will also be looking for these tricky words; breath, business, caught, different, exercise, extreme, medicine, possession, although, thought.



#### Maths

In our maths lessons we will be focussing on problem solving using addition and subtraction. We will complete calculation involving all timetables up to and including 12x12 and their related division facts in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check in the summer term.

We will also be learning about measurement, including perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes.



#### Foundation Subjects

Our topic this half term will be 'Passport to Europe'. As geographers we will look at the location of the seven continents on a world map and the five oceans. We will look specifically at Europe and the oceans and seas around Europe. We will focus on European countries such as; Austria, Russia and Finland. We will study an area in Spain called Andalucía and compare it with the Wirral. As artists we will look at the 'Fabric of Nature' linking to our geography topic. In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating our very own Edwards Tulane rabbit toy. As musicians we will look at tuned percussion in the theme of rainforests. In computing we will use branching databases to classify living things. In PE we will look at flight in Gymnastics.

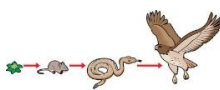


**continent, peninsula, equator, climate, time zone**

#### Science

In Science, we will be learning all about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will construct and interpret food chains, identifying producer, prey, consumer and predator. We will learn about how the availability of food is an important factor when considering how animals respond to change in the environment. We will investigate the effect of a small change to an environment by placing carpet or other covering on the ground, and will consider the impact of larger changes to the environment such as fire and flood.

**environment, habitat, food chains, characteristics, classification key**



#### Personal Development

To help our Year Four children develop as well rounded little people who are ready for the world around them, we will also be teaching our children life skills and this half term we will be focusing on acceptance and respect for everyone. We will also look at 'Dreams and Goals' as part of our Jigsaw scheme of work. We will talk about how hard work and perseverance can help us to achieve our goals. In My Happy Mind lessons we will be learning to appreciate and show resilience. We will continue to develop our oracy skills and active listening throughout. An assembly theme this half term will be the British Value Individual Liberty.

