Great Gaddesden Church of England (VA) Primary School Year 3 & 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview (Cycle A)



English - Magic and Mystery	Maths	RE
In English this half term, we will be writing 'Fantasy Narratives' and our own versions of a 'Legend' Our core texts are: Leon and the Place Between - Angela McAllister The Mermaid of Zennor - Charles Causley	 In Maths, we will be learning about the following areas: Place value (including thousands, hundreds, tens and ones, rounding, estimation and magnitude) Addition and Subtraction (including different methods for adding and subtracting, inverse operations and using efficient methods) 	Religion or World View Focus: Islam Our enquiry question this half term is: How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?
Science - Forces and Magnets	Music	Computing
Our focus in Science lessons is 'Forces and Magnets.' The Children will explore different forces, learn about friction, test whether materials are magnetic or not, use the words 'attract' and 'repel,' and carry out experiments relating to forces and magnets.	Mrs Cresswell will be teaching year 3 and 4 music every 2 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be using the 'Sing Up' program and this half term's unit is called 'I've Been to Harlem.'	The children will begin the year learning about Computing Systems, Networks and the Internet. This will include an e-safety theme.
PE	Art - Drawing	History - The Roman Empire
The children will have 2 P.E. lessons a week. One lesson will be taught by a specialist coach from Saracens who will be teaching hockey skills. The second lesson will be taught by the class teacher and will have a focus on circuit training and personal fitness.	We will be using the work of Vincent Van Gogh to inspire us in our unit of work on drawing skills. The children will experiment with showing line, tone and texture with different hardness of pencils; use shading to show light and shadow effects; use different materials to draw, e.g. pastels chalk, felt tip and show an awareness of space/perspective when drawing.	In this unit, the children will learn what it was like to live in Britain before the Romans arrived, how Britain became part of the Roman Empire and how Britain changed as a result of Roman settlement.
Spanish	Values	Trips/Enrichment
The children will learn some basic greetings in Spanish such as: hello, goodbye, how are you? What's your name, my	This term, our values of the month are the following:	 Harvest Festival Forest School (23rd October)
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name isetc. They will also locate Spain on a map and learn about the culture of the country.	September Responsibility	Visiting athlete (3rd October)Visit to Verulamium museum (TBC)
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