

## Year 4 Autumn 2 2025 English

### Writing

This half term, Year 4 will be using the book 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells as the basis of our English lessons.

During this unit of work children will have the opportunity to write a:

- setting description
- character description
- adventure story

We will also be studying a number of winter-themed poems and using these as inspiration to write and perform our own winter poems.

We will be working on the following grammar skills:

- to use similes and metaphors to create vivid images
- to use more complicated noun phrases e.g. the beautiful tree with the wispy leaves

### Handwriting

This term we will be continuing to learn our joins through Teach Handwriting. This will be taught explicitly twice a week, and joined handwriting will be an expectation within all pieces of work. To promote joining and develop fluency, we will be teaching the children to start all letters on the line and join from the start. There are videos on the school website to model the scheme.

### Reading

As a school, we have started using a new reading scheme called Ready Steady Read Together. Each lesson follows a sequence of explore, teach, practise and apply, which is designed to enable children to activate prior knowledge and then practise and apply comprehension skills.

We will be exploring the following texts:

Fiction – Jummy at the River School

Non-fiction – Quiz Yourself Clever

Poetry – Cherry Moon

### Spelling and Vocabulary

In spelling we will be learning about the suffix '-ation' and how adding it to verbs can form nouns. We will also be learning about adding '-ly'. Spellings are sent home each Friday and spelling tests are also every Friday. In 4JS, spellings are sent home each Tuesday and spelling tests are also every Tuesday.