

**Literacy**

Our *Power of Reading* book this half term is *Jemmy Button*, by Jennifer Uman and Valerio Vidali. It is a seemingly simple book, which uses detailed illustrations to tell the story of a boy who is taken away from his island home. Children will use drama, drawing and discussion to explore the book. Writing activities will include writing a news report and writing in character.

We will study a wide range of texts in STA loves reading lessons, and continue to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Numeracy**

We will begin this term by securing our knowledge of multiplication and division facts. We will then use this knowledge to develop our understanding of fractions of shapes, numbers and amounts, including in real life situations.

We will also revisit telling and using the time. Each week, pupils will be given opportunities to work on their mathematical reasoning.

**RE**

How different Christians show their beliefs.

**Key Routines**

**Monday:** PE – bring full PE Kit

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** PE – bring full PE kit

**Friday:** Spelling handed out

**Key Dates**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** – NSPCC Day - Assembly

**Homework**

Maths homework will be set on Friday and will be available on the Mathletics on line programme. Homework must be completed by the following Thursday.

Spelling will be given out on Fridays.

**How you can help your child at home**

Please make sure your child reads daily. Enjoying and discussing a book with you will improve their understanding. Please practise the times tables with your child. We are building confidence with the 3s, 4s, 6s and 8s this term.



**Sir Thomas Abney**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Year 4*

*Aspen & Rowan*

*Spring Term 2018*

*1<sup>st</sup> Half*

*Staff in Class*

*Hannah Attwood and Val Alexis*  
*(Class Teachers)*

*Emily Jayne, Paola Goundry &*  
*Jamie Webb*  
*(Teaching Assistants)*

**In International, we'll be finding out:**

- Where materials come from
- Why plastic waste is a global problem and what we can do about it

**In Technology, we'll be finding out:**

- About the design of bikes

**Material World**

**Milepost 2 –Spring Term 1**

**Year 4**



**In Science, we'll be finding out:**

- How and why different materials are used
- How to test the properties of a material
- About the uses for glass and plastic
- About the metals that are attracted to magnets
- Which materials allow electricity to pass through them
- Which materials allow heat to pass through them
- About solids, liquids and gases and the water cycle
- How natural and manmade materials are different