Spring Term Curriculum 2024

Year 4 Essential Knowledge

English: Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Composition
1. The main clause and subordinate clause:
 what the different types of sentences are
 what a main idea is in a compound sentence and complex sentence
 what a subordinate clause is in a complex sentence
 the main clause is the main idea
2. Fronted adverbials:
 what an adverb and adverbial are
 an adverb or adverbial at the start of a sentence is a fronted adverbial
a comma punctuates a fronted adverbial
3. Apostrophes for possession (plural):
 how an apostrophe for possession (plural) is different from an
apostrophe for possession (singular)
 there are exceptions e.g. children's, men's
 how to use apostrophes for possession (plural)
4. Pronouns and possessive pronouns:
 what a pronoun is
 what a possessive pronoun is
 the difference between a pronoun and a possessive pronoun
5. Standard English for verbs:
 the difference between Standard English and non-Standard English
forms of verbs
 there are irregular verbs that are exceptions to the rule
6. Determiners and articles:
 what determiners are

• articles are a type of determiner

Spellings:

- 1. Common exception words
- 2. Patterns
 - -ous endings
 - -tion and -ssion endings
 - y = i and ch = c sounds
 - -cian and -ssion/-sion endings
 - sc = s sound
- 3. Add prefixes
 - mis-

- super-
- auto-

Composition:

- 1. Paragraphs:
 - ideas organised around a theme
 - simple, compound and complex sentences (main clause then subordinate clause and fronted adverbials)
- 2. Inverted commas and commas:
 - why commas punctuate speech
 - how to use inverted commas and commas in dialogue

Applied through:

- 1. Myths and Legends
- 2. Diary writing
- 3. Performance poetry narrative