

English

Our class read this half term is 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Crowell. We read this at the end of the school day in preparation for using this text in our English lessons next half term.

During English, we are basing our writing on Aesop's Fables, which are short stories, typically with animals as characters, conveying a moral.

Later this half term we will move onto 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. In our English lessons we will cover a range of grammatical features that the children will use in their writing.

Science

Our science topic this half term is rocks. We will be learning how to:

- Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, giving reasons.
- Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.
- Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.
- Understand and explain the difference between sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rock.

R.E

What do different people believe about God?

This half term in RE we will be;

- Describing some of the ways in which Christians, Hindus and/or Muslims describe God.
- Asking questions and suggesting the children's own ideas about God.
- Suggesting why having a faith or belief in something can be hard.
- Identifying how and saying why it makes a difference in people's lives to believe in God.

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RHE

Will be all about friendships; Making positive friendships, managing loneliness and dealing with arguments.

Music

Let Your Spirit Fly - an R&B song for children.

We will be listening to and appraising, building on our knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music, rhythm and pitch through both singing and using a variety of musical instruments such as the glockenspiel.

Geography

Knowing the major cities, regions and countries in the UK. To understand about what is meant by the term 'Climate Zone'. We will also be learning features about the Mediterranean.

Computing

This term we will be using both iPads and laptops in our computing lessons. We will be starting with online safety, then learning to code and we will be using purple mash which most of you will already be familiar with.

Mathematics

This half term in maths we will be concentrating on place value of numbers up to 1000; being able to compare these numbers. We will be learning to add and subtract 2-digit numbers in a range of ways, using concrete resources and mental strategies. Also, we will cover length and perimeter and statistics.

Art

This half term we will be looking at the artist Andy Warhol. We will be using a range of art techniques to create artwork inspired by him. Some of the art techniques we will be covering are;

- To know how to show facial expressions in drawings.
- To create a colour wheel using both primary and secondary colours.
- To use tints with paint by adding white and black to create shadows.
- To know how to use IT tools to create different lines, shapes and tones.

PE

This half term we are covering Dance in our PE lessons. We will be learning how respond to music in time and responding to music to express a variety of moods and feelings. We will have opportunities in our PE lessons to perform.

Spanish

In Year 3 the children begin to learn Spanish. The topic in Spanish this half term is called 'ourselves'. We will begin to learn to engage in conversations, ask and answer questions and develop accurate pronunciation. These skills will be taught in various ways such as joining in with songs and rhymes in the Spanish language as well as other learning opportunities. The children will be given a 'Duo Lingo' login that they can access at home, this will be stuck inside their reading diary.