

Literacy/GPS

In the first half term, the children will focus on writing fiction, creating their own myths inspired by the book Arthur and the Golden Rope. This unit will require them to develop a plot, build characters and make use of dialogue to move the action forward. After half term, we will study the book The Darkest Dark, by astronaut Chris Hadfield. We will use this as the basis for writing a biography, which will involve using and organising real life facts. Throughout the term, we will have a weekly spelling focus based on the Spelling Shed scheme.

Maths

In mathematics this term, we will be covering multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics. We will support the children's development of fluency and reasoning in mathematics through problem solving and practical activities across the curriculum.

Science

We will be studying three topics this term. Firstly, the children will be exploring different materials, their properties and purposes. We will also be learning about animals and humans, looking closely at key milestones as they grow. Finally, the children will compare and contrast the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects and birds and discuss the similarities and differences they find.

RE

Our first unit is 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' This unit will examine what Muslims believe and how it impacts their lives. The second unit is 'Why is the Torah so important to the Jewish people?'

PE

During our lessons with Mr O'Reilly, the children will develop their skills in tennis and netball, building upon skills from previous years. During teacher led lessons, the children will develop their team work skills through a range of outdoor adventurous activities.

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This term, our unit of work will involve the children exploring mechanical systems through making their own pop-up book. They will use a range of mechanisms and structures to illustrate their story and make it interactive for the user.

PSHE & C

Our work this term will focus on health and wellbeing. We will explore the importance of rest, taking responsibility for our own feelings, healthy meals and how to stay safe in the sun.

French

The children will be learning how to describe the weather, seasons and months of the year. Using Languagenut at home will reinforce their sentence construction and listening skills in these topics.

Computing

Our computing work this term will look at creating media and programming. Our creating media unit will involve using stop animation and our work on programming will develop the children's understanding of coding a piece of music around a theme.

Music

This term, the children will be learning songs from South and West Africa. Using musical vocabulary, they will compare and contrast these songs to those from other countries. After half term, the children will see graphic scores and musical notation to compose their own piece of music based on the Hindu Festival of Colour: Holi.

History

This half term, our history work will focus on the Ancient Greeks. Children will learn about who the Greeks were, when they lived and what they believed. We will also look at how they influenced our lives today through democracy and philosophical ideas.

Geography

Our geography work this term will look at comparing our local environment to life in the Alps. To compare the environments, children will use a variety of data collection methods, including completing a questionnaire, mapping their route and recording their findings in sketches or photographs.

Art

Our artwork this term will be based on the theme, 'Drawing: I need space'. They will be exploring the purpose and impact of images from the 'Space race' era of the 1950s and 60s.

