

Summer Term

Literacy

We will be focusing on four different texts in literacy this term. We will read 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey and write a letter in role persuading characters to save the trees. We will use the book 'Grandad's Secret Giant' by David Litchfield to support us to write our own version of the story with a focus on morals and acceptance of others. Another text that we will be exploring is 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Birch where we will write a simple play script which can be read alongside the story. Our final text is a poem called The Sound Collector by Roger McGough. After exploring the poem, we will have a go at writing our own verse.

History

Our topic in history this term is 'what is a monarch?' In this unit the children will find out the role of a monarch and compare the monarchy today with the monarchy in the past. Pupils will investigate how William the Conqueror became King and learn how he used castles to rule. They will study different types of castles and consider how these have evolved over time.

Maths

Fractions will be our first topic in the Summer term and we'll look at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and also $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and amounts. We will also explore equivalent fractions. We will learn how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour as well as quarter to and quarter past the hour. We'll also explore statistics and position and direction. Please practise telling the time at home (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.) If your child is confident with this, please move onto telling the time to a 5 minute interval.

Computing

We will continue to learn about the importance of online safety with a focus on what to do if we see something online that makes us feel upset or uncomfortable. In the second half term, we will be exploring word processing where the children will learn about Microsoft Word and how to use it for a range of purposes.

Music

In the first half term we will looking at British songs and sounds. We will be creating sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city. In the second half term we will be looking at Myths and Legends. We will be developing our understanding of musical language and how timbre, dynamics and tempo affect the mood of a song.

Science

We will continue our work on plants but this time plant our own seeds and bulbs. We'll learn how to keep them healthy and what the optimum growing conditions are. We'll start looking at life cycles and study the life cycles of humans along with other mammals and amphibians. We will also be looking at patterns within life cycles. Towards the end of term, we'll be studying wildlife and discovering not only what we can do for wildlife but what wildlife can do for us.

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Geography

In geography, we will be learning about what it is like to live by the coast. We will use maps to explore the ocean that is closest to our continent and to locate the surrounding seas of the UK. We will also learn how to describe the key physical features of a coast and how it changes over time using subject specific vocabulary.

Art

In art, we will be exploring the way clay can be shaped and joined. We will learn a range of essential skills for working with this medium. We will learn about the sculpture of Rachel Whiteread and create our own clay house tile in response.

PE

In PE, we will be focusing on yoga where the children will learn about mindfulness and body awareness. They will begin to learn poses and techniques that will help them to connect their mind and body. In the second half term, we will be focusing on invasion games which involve two teams and two goals. Teams will use different strategies and techniques to score in the opposition's goal.

PSHE

In the first half term, we will be following a Health and Wellbeing unit of work. We will learn about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle on our physical health and wellbeing; strategies to manage different emotions, setting goals and developing a growth mindset and understanding dental hygiene. In the second half term, we will be focussing on Safety and the changing Body and Developing understanding of safety with medicines and an introduction to online safety; distinguishing secrets from surprises; naming body parts and looking at the concept of privacy.

DT

Our topic in design technology this term is 'Mechanisms: Making a moving Monster' In this unit the children will explore levers, linkages and pivots through existing products and experimentation. They will use this research to construct and assemble a moving monster.

RE

In RE, we will continue learning about Christianity by looking at the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings. We will focus on the meaning and importance of friendliness and what it means to be a good friend. During the second half term, we will be exploring what makes some places sacred to believers.

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