

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on narrative and poetry. Throughout November we will be using the text 'The Quiltmaker's Gift' as a stimulus for the children to write their own traditional tale telling the story of spreading joy. We will be learning about character description and scene setting using techniques such as expanded noun phrases and using commas to clarify meaning.

As we move towards Christmas we will move on to seasonal poetry—examining some famous Christmas poems and then creating our own.

Reading

Again this half term we are encouraging a passion for reading within the classroom. The children will be encouraged to write book reviews sharing what they are reading with their peers.

R.E.

This half term, we will complete our topic on *Belonging*. As part of our Multi-Faith week, we will focus on Judaism. We will learn about a special prayer; the Shema. As we prepare for Christmas, we will study the topic of *Hope*. We will gain a greater understanding of how Advent is the church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.



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Science

Our Science topic this half term is *Earth and Space*. We will investigate how Earth and the other planets in our solar system move in relation to the Sun. We will also describe the movement of the Moon, learning about the different phases in a lunar month. We will learn that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies. Finally we will be able to explain how day and night is caused by the Earth's rotation.

Numeracy

This half term we will be completing our learning on addition and subtraction and then moving onto multiplication and division. We will begin by refining mental methods and then move onto formal written methods. This will then aid the children to be able to tackle real life calculation word problems. Towards the end of term we will begin the topic of fractions which will be helped by the solid foundations of multiplication and division.

Grammar and Punctuation

For further information on the Grammar and Punctuation which will be completed in this year group, please visit -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf

History / Geography

This half term, we will be studying a Geography unit. We will focus on the continents of Africa, Asia and Oceania, researching the main countries and key cities. We will also explore major physical and human characteristics of each. Pupils will also find out about latitude/longitude, the Greenwich Meridian and world time zones.

Art/DT

This half term, we will focus on DT and links will be made with our Geography topic. Pupils will complete a project around the theme of chocolate and recipes from around the world. They will understand the importance of hygiene when preparing food, generate innovative ideas and communicate their ideas using drawings and technology. Pupil will practise adapting recipes, measuring accurately and exploring a range of ingredients to create their product. They will then evaluate their final product.

P.E.

We will continue to work on our cheerleading routines in indoor PE. We will become more confident performing our routines to music and evaluating our finished pieces.

In our outdoor sessions, we will work on developing teamwork skills and improving our throwing, catching and kicking skills

MFL

This half term, pupils will complete the Unit *J'habite*. Pupils will learn how to describe their house and talk about the different rooms in their house. They will also learn how to follow directions and name key buildings within a town. We will then complete work relating to Christmas in French.



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Educational visits and outdoor learning

Pupils will visit the Hancock Museum to view 2 films in their new Planetarium cinema. The first is based on Earth, Sun and Moon and the second is the Space Race. This will support their learning in Science.

Useful websites

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

Computing

This half term, we will be completing the unit *Manipulating Images*. Pupils will learn how to match the artwork of famous artists using different software. They will then look at how to edit digital artwork and how to add a soundtrack to their images.

Music

In Music, we will learn to play the djembe drums. These drums originate from West Africa, so links will be made with our Geography topic. Pupils will learn how to play different beats and rhythms using these drums. They will also develop skills in playing and performing in solo and ensemble contexts.

Homework

Again we will be using *See-Saw* to publish our homework this term. The main way you can help your child is to ensure that they are secure in knowing their times tables. Nothing will help them in Maths more than this!

Quick fire questions whilst driving to school, allowing them time on website games and even posters in their bedrooms will all help them to be fast and efficient.

Literacy homework will be sent out when it will support the work in class.