

English

Our main focus this half term will be around the picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. This will provide a rich stimulus for narrative writing where we will mainly focus on more ambitious sentence structures. We will use the local area to add real life experience to our writing. Later on in the half term, we will explore instructions. Children will learn imperative verbs and the importance of specific steps.

Maths

Children will finish their addition and subtraction topic in which they have expanded their knowledge of formal methods, and problems which require them to exchange in the tens or hundreds column. We will also be learning about multiplication and division, in particular learning our new tables 3x, 4x and 8x. Timestables are really important in year 3 and children should also be consolidating their 2x 5x and 10x if they do not feel confident.

Science

Animals including humans - we will build upon children's current understanding of healthy diet; exploring the nutrients that different food groups give us and why they are important to our bodies. Children will learn about the human skeleton and muscles and even make their own pasta model to help them remember key names and structure of the skeleton. Children will learn different types of animal skeletons and how this affects their movement and protection.

History

Children will learn what prehistory is and how we know about historical events prior to written records through primary sources that archeologists discover. They will explore the 3 stages of the Stone Age and compare the differences and innovations, before moving onto the Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will consider how the Stone Age to Iron Age has impacted Britain and we able to explain how their discoveries have influences how we live today. Children will also experience a Stone Age day.

PE

On a Thursday, Miss Watson will teach us PE. Children will continue their dance unit. We will look at different movements, focusing on our rhythm and counting beats to help us. In partner work, we will work in sync to mirror each other. On Fridays, the PE coach will deliver our PE lesson. This will be fitness. Please ensure children come into school in their PE kits on a Thursday and Friday.

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Music

This half-term our music will take the form of our Christmas performance rehearsals, learning songs and dances and performing with confidence. Year 3 and 4 will rehearse fully together on a Monday afternoon, and small practices may be squeezed in other areas of the week.

French

We will learn numbers from 0 - 15 alongside some basic greetings including saying their names and asking others what their's is. We will also learn be learning about France, their national holidays and celebrations.

PSHE

This half term, our focus in PSHE will be looking at Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education: Tobacco is a drug. Pupils will learn the definition of a drug and that drugs (including medicines) can be harmful to people; about the effects and risks of smoking tobacco and second-hand smoke; about the help available for people to remain smoke free or stop smoking; Asthma - that medicines can be used to manage and treat medical conditions such as asthma, and that it is important to follow instructions for their use

Computing

Alongside refreshing their online safety knowledge, children will be exploring animation. During this unit, learners will use a range of techniques to create a stop frame animation using tablets. Next, they will apply those skills to create a story-based animation. This unit will conclude with learners adding other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

RE

Our question for this half terms work focuses on the religion of Christianity. The question of "What was Noah's covenant with God?" will include recapping the story of Noah's ark, looking at how the type of Christian Noah was and why he was chosen by God, along with understanding what a covenant is.

DT

Our DT topic this half term links to our science topic, in which we will be designing and making a healthy pizza.