

Religious Education

Our first RE topic this term is 'Christmas'. In this topic, we will deepen our understanding of the Epiphany and the events of the Christmas story. In our second topic of 'Revelation', we will learn about how special Jesus is from reading parables and learning about the many miracles Jesus performed. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss Scripture at home with your child and reinforce their learning. Our final topic of 'Lent', will reinforce the importance of forgiveness.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be working hard on counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10, forwards and backwards from any number, e.g. 2, 7, 12, 17....

We will begin learning how to tell the time, beginning with o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to before moving on to 5-minute intervals.

During the second half of the term, we will be focusing on money, in pounds and pence. We will also start to look at multiplication and division.

Geography

This term we will be learning all about the United Kingdom. We will use world maps, atlases and globes to identify its countries. We will also be able to name and identify characteristics of the four capital cities and name its surrounding seas.

Throughout the term we will continue to develop our geographical vocabulary and mapping skills.

Children wondered:

- What is a non-chronological text?
- How do you score in tennis?
- Can we survive without water?

English

We will be reading a range of exciting texts starting with a non-chronological text all about witches. We will also look at persuasive texts and learn about letter writing skills.

Year 2 will also look at Bog Baby. This book will help us with our character and setting descriptions, as well as creative story writing.

We will continue to focus on using a range of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) in our writing and continue to practise handwriting and develop reading comprehension through guided reading activities.

How can you help at home?

- Practise counting on and back in twos, fives and tens from any number to one hundred and beyond, and counting on and back in halves and quarters to 20.
- Continue to work on reading the time, reading 5 minute intervals.
- Continue to use various coins to make different amounts and solve problems related to this.
- Listen to your child read each day and ask them a variety of questions about the books they have chosen.
- Support handwriting development by practising daily.
- Observe plants, animals and habitats in the local environment.

Year 2

Art, DT, Music & Drama

In Art, we look forward to exploring some of the distinctive textiles from Scotland, linking with our Geography topic. First we will create paper weavings inspired by the overlapping lines in tartan. Then we will look at Fair Isle patterns to design a brightly patterned jumper painted using a wax resist technique.

In DT, we look forward to creating Bird Houses, which will be hung in the school garden. We will be using a range of materials creatively to design these Bird House. Furthermore, we will hopefully have the opportunity to observe the birds in their new homes.

In Music, we will look at the music of George Gershwin and 1920s American Jazz. We are going to use our own musical motifs to compose a piece of music in the style of Gershwin using tuned percussion.

We will also be learning some new songs and actions to go with them.

Computing

We will gather data and create pictograms using JiT, an online resource. We will then move onto presenting our work, using alternative JiT tools, such as 'animate' and 'branch'.

PSHE

We will continue to explore the importance of friendship and respect for others, especially during playtimes. This links well with some of the messages we will hear in the parables we study in R.E.

P.E

This term we will focus on two different areas. The first is 'Hit, Catch, Run' where we will develop ball skills, as well as learning about cricket rules and how to score.

In the second area, 'Send and Return', we will develop our tennis skills and understanding of what good sportsmanship means.

History

This term we will be learning about significant individuals including Rosa Parks and the huge part she played in the civil rights movement. We will also look at the life of Mary Seacole and her role throughout the Crimean war.

Science

During the first half term our topic is, 'Living things and their Habitats'. We will be exploring the differences between things that are living, dead and never been alive. We will also look at plants, animals and their habitats. Finally, we will discuss simple food chains. After half term, we will observe 'Plants' overtime, creating a plant diary to record our findings.