



Maths

Using our 'Maths No Problem', scheme children will be provided with a range of methods and strategies they can use to answer questions and apply their knowledge into real life problems. This half term we will be learning about length, mass and volume. Children will learn to accurately measure in the correct unit and then apply their knowledge into conversions and word problems. We will then begin to explore money, looking at the different denominations and adding and subtracting a range of values.

Our daily core skills sessions will also continue to focus on the four calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as times tables, with a weekly arithmetic and times tables test.

English - Writing

Our novel, *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura, will be the focus for our creative writing lessons this half term. Our written work will be focused on narratives and retelling stories as well as non-chronological reports. We will be including paragraphs and sub headings in our writing as well as focusing on developing our sentence structure. In GPS, we will be finding out about subordinate clauses and prepositions whilst also applying commas, exclamation marks and inverted commas in our work. All of our writing is expected to follow the presentation promise and children must now use joins neatly and consistently.

English - Reading

Children participate in a daily whole class reading session in which we develop our VIPERS skills. Children will be given opportunities to read our class novel, non-fiction texts and poems both independently and out loud during these sessions whilst focusing on comprehension.

Our new Accelerated Reader scheme is now running very successfully in school and children should now be familiar with the systems and routines of the programme. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as much as possible and sign their reading record to indicate home reading.

Science

Our science lessons this half term are based on the topic of light. Children will find out why they need light in order to see things and how light is reflected from surfaces. Our lessons will also explore shadow formations as well as learning about the light from the sun. Through scientific enquiry we will be investigating questions such as 'why do shadows change?' and 'why do we need sunglasses?'

RE

Our focus for our RE lessons this half term will be Buddhism. We will be using stories and tales to find out more about the religion and the traditions associated with their faith.

Topic - Tribal Tales

Take a moment to step outside and turn off all technology...imagine the world 5000 years ago, what would you see? We are going to be going back to the prehistoric times. We are unearthing ancient objects and looking at astonishing mystical monuments that reveal the secrets of an ancient time. In history we will be creating timelines and using sources to describe and discover different time periods. We will be learning how the people of Britain developed over thousands of years, from the Stone Age to the Roman invasion! In art we will be exploring Neolithic art and Iron Age jewellery and in Geography we will be finding and locating land marks. We can't wait to start our historical journey!

PE

Our weekly PE sessions will be based on net and wall games such as tennis. Please ensure children have a labelled PE kit and trainers in school at all times.

Homework and Spelling

Children will continue to receive homework each Friday which must be returned by the following Wednesday. They will be given a task to complete which will be based on either a maths or English skill as well as a short times tables activity. Spellings will also be given each week and children will be tested on these in class the following Friday.

What a busy half term we have had learning about Ancient Greece, discovering mythical creatures and getting into the festive spirit with our wonderful concert and Christmas party!

I would like to say thank you all so much for your ongoing support this half term and your very thoughtful words, cards and gifts - they

Please remember that I am here to support your child in any way possible. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact me



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