

## ENGLISH

Our class text this half term will be 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. The story follows Daniel, an orphan from Glasgow, who stumbles upon the mysterious shop by accident. He is soon roped into trying to save his new friends and the shop itself. In writing, children will be using their class text to inspire some 'fantasy' setting descriptions and story writing. They will also be learning about how to write persuasively by creating a persuasive advert. Within these genres, children will be focusing on how to create atmosphere, use dialogue to convey character and how to use relative clauses to add additional information.

Spelling continues to be a focus so please ensure your child is practising Spelling Shed at home.

## RE

**Beliefs and actions in the world: Can Christian Aid and Islamic Relief change the world?**

In this unit, children will learn about the work of two major faith-based charities. They will develop their understanding and consider important questions.

## History

**Why should we remember the Maya?**

In this unit, we will explore the world of the Maya and debate whether they should be remembered today as a significant culture. The children will focus on ancient Maya architecture, their religion, and the surviving writings.

## PSHE

**Celebrating Difference**

In this unit, we will recognise and empathise with people who are different and understand how being different can affect someone's life. Children will explain how being different can be a source for conflict and a cause for celebration. We will discuss how differences can lead to amazing experiences.



## DT

**Burgers**

Children will explore different burgers and burger restaurants. They will taste and discuss different ingredients and then plan and design their own burger, using their preferred ingredients. Once the children have made their burgers, they will taste and evaluate them. Do we have any budding chefs in Year 6?

## MATHS

In our Maths lessons, we will explore properties of 2D shapes and their angles.

We will look into the four main operations in more detail, including when using fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers.

We will also look at data; in the format of tables, bar graphs, line graphs and pictograms. We will develop our skills in drawing these graphs, labelling the axis and interpreting the data.

Towards the end of the term, we will revisit earlier topics to embed our knowledge and build our confidence.

Reasoning tasks will be completed for all of these topics, in preparation for our SATs.

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## COMPUTING

**We are toy makers.**

In this unit, we will design and develop a BBC micro: bit powered modification to a soft toy to make the toy.

## MUSIC



This half term, we will build on previous learning, while focusing on two songs; *Bacharach Anorak* and *Meet the Blues*. We will listen and appraise these songs in detail. We will add instruments to the pieces and learn how to improvise. Finally, we will perform our pieces.

## SCIENCE

**Healthy Bodies**

In this topic, we will learn about the circulatory system. We will look at what organs make up the circulatory system and what their jobs are inside the body. We will learn about the effects of exercise and the negative effect of drugs on the human body.

## INFORMATION

**PE day is Tuesday and Thursday**

Please ensure children are in their school PE kit and jewellery is removed.

**Reading books**

We hear all children read weekly and reading books are changed regularly. Please make sure your child brings their reading book **every day**.

**Laptops**

Please remind children to charge their laptops at home and bring them into school **every day**.