

ENGLISH

In our upcoming English lessons, we will be delving into the world of Aveline Jones and her haunted story. This book will be the basis for our writing this half term, looking at a horror story opening, a horror narrative, a spooky character description and a diary entry. To begin the term, the children will be creating their own rhyming verse poem based on Remembrance Day. They will show their respect to those who have fought and currently fighting. During this, we will be focusing on synonyms, antonyms, prepositions, and punctuating dialogue. We will be continuously recapping these key techniques (including the key concepts from last half term) and sentences while pushing for the basics (such as full stops, capital letters and commas) to be consistent.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we will be looking at 'Celebrating Difference'. We will begin by looking at different cultures and lifestyles, with the children reflecting on their own lifestyle and culture. We will then investigate racism, bullying and monetary stature, looking at how to overcome these difficulties and spread kindness through the world and our community. We will participate in Anti-Bullying Week.



D&T

The children will become experts in building bridges this half term! They will study a range of bridges, looking at their structure and why they are built this way, including looking at some famous bridges across the world. They will then have to recreate a model of that bridge using resources found around the classroom. At the end, they will create one prototype using their favourite bridge design.

MATHS

In Maths, this half term, we will continue to develop our arithmetic skills – adding and subtracting numbers with up to 5-digits, learning formal methods for multiplying and dividing, knowing and using squared and cubed numbers, adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and calculating percentages of amounts. We will be finding the perimeter and area of compound shapes and investigating the properties of 2D shapes. Also, we will develop our understanding of co-ordinates by reading and plotting in all four quadrants. We will construct and interpret bar charts by collecting data, creating a chart and finding out what we can learn from it. When working with fractions, we will explore equivalence and use this to add and subtract. Reasoning and problem solving will be an intricate part of all Maths lessons.

RE

In our upcoming RE lessons, we will be exploring the 5 Pillars of Islam. The children will be exploring what each of these pillars are and the ceremonies which occur during the Islamic calendar.

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COMPUTING

Our first topic in computing will be exploring coding using 'Scratch'. The children will explore games which have a scoring system, plan their own game and then create it! They will need to be good at fixing bugs to make sure their game works perfectly!

Geography

Through the half term, we will be exploring 'Changes in our local area'. We will first look at where we are located in the world, the continent and the United Kingdom. The children will then begin to look at changes which have occurred in London due to the 2012 Olympic games and then more locally with the Coventry bombings. To understand changes which have occurred and are happening in our local area, we will take a walk, looking at new and old developments. The children will create a field map, showing the changes and current developments. The children will create field sketches, take photos and provide comment on these changes. They will also discuss sustainability.

MUSIC



During this half term, we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel. We will be learning and performing Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing with improvisations. The children will begin to look at reading notes and being able to improvise with a set of notes, creating a small tune.

SCIENCE

In science this half term, the children will be exploring the 'Material World', looking specifically at why things are made the way they are. They will be undertaking a range of investigations into which materials are the best for different objects. To do this, they will first group materials based on their properties and how these different properties help the object fulfil its purpose.

INFORMATION

PE days for this half term are Monday and Tuesday
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 into school every day.