

ENGLISH

Our class text this half term will be 'Darwin's Dragons, by Lindsay Galvin'. The story is set in 1835, about a cabin boy named Syms Covington, who is on a voyage to the Galapagos Islands with the world-famous scientist Charles Darwin. He soon falls overboard during a storm and is washed up on an unexplored island. In Writing this half term, we will be exploring a range of text types- newspaper report, explanation, and poetry writing. Within these text types we will be focussing on how to use reported speech, to add additional information using relative clauses and begin our sentences using a range of openers.

Spelling will continue to be a focus this half term, so please ensure your child is practising Spelling Shed at home.

RE

Values: What matters most? Exploring right and wrong with Christians and Humanists: an RE investigation

In this unit, we will identify and investigate values in human life, and think about their own values, with special references to the values of Christians and Humanists.

Geography

Are we damaging our world?

This half term, we will consider if we are damaging our world and how we can protect it. We will investigate energy production, the oceans, and minerals, as well as conducting an enquiry into how our school can become more sustainable.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

In this unit we will focus on our learning strengths and how to set challenging but realistic goals for ourselves. We will focus on the learning steps needed to take to reach our goals and how we can self-motivate and work with others to make the world a better place.



Art

Sculpting vases

Children will explore different historical vase designs before designing their own vase. They will develop their control and technique when using tools. Children will then create their own clay vase, decorate their vase and evaluate their finished product.

MATHS

In our Maths lessons, we will convert between fractions, decimals and percentages, which will help us to calculate percentages of amounts. We will investigate transformations of shapes in four different quadrants. We will look into coordinates, translation, reflection and different scales. Towards the end of the half term, we will start looking at time to the nearest minute. We will also calculate time durations by using timetables and looking at start and finish times. We will also recap some lessons on data; in the format of tables, bar graphs, line graphs and pictograms. Reasoning tasks will be completed for all of these topics, in preparation for our SATs.

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COMPUTING

We are publishers.

In this unit, we will produce a class yearbook using desktop publishing tools.

MUSIC



A New Year Carol

This half term we will build on previous learning, while focussing on one song *Benjamin Britten's Friday Afternoons: A New Year Carol*. We will listen and appraise this song, take part in musical activities, and perform and share the musical piece.

SCIENCE

Evolution

In this topic, we will be introduced to the concept of evolution and the process by which living organisms (plants and mammals) develop and change over time. We will look at how fossils are evidence of evolution, the concepts of inheritance and adaption and the concepts of evolution by natural selection.

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**.