



ENGLISH

In our upcoming English lessons, we will be linking our writing to our class text, 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. They will be writing a newspaper, a story opening and to finish, a saga. During these topics, we will be focusing on concepts such as expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and general punctuation. We will be adding in relative clauses and trying to use a range of punctuation, including brackets, dashes and commas.

After half term, we will be reading 'Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom' by Sangu Mandanna. During our writing lessons for this half term, we will be writing a setting description, rhyming verse poems and a non-chronological report.

We will continue to progress with reading comprehension skills through the term.

History

This half term we will be exploring the Vikings. We will delve into their lives, including their first raid on England and the reasons why they left their own country. We will be answering a big question throughout the topic which is 'Would the Vikings do anything for money?'. Pupils will continue to look at chronology, extending their knowledge and looking at a range of sources to answer key questions.

Geography

Our topic for this half term is 'Europe – A study of the Alpine Region'. We will focus on answering the big question of 'Where should we go on holiday?' The children will explore the Alpine region of Europe, looking at how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted to the climate.

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Science

To start the spring term, the children will be exploring materials, including their uses and properties. This topic will include a range of investigations, from exploring thermal conductivity to electrical properties.

The second topic will be 'Meteorology'. This is the study of the atmosphere and weather, including weather forecasting. The children will delve deep into how weather fronts occur.

Computing

To begin with, the children will be exploring art galleries and creating one using 'Minecraft Education'. The next topic will be looking at the internet to make a website on Google Sites.

RE

Our topics for this term will be 'Jewish Worship and Community' and 'Buddhist Worship and beliefs'. They will look at their traditions and how they worship.

Music

This term, the children will be learning notation, where they explore how music is written and write their own music from the notes provided. To do this, they will be listening to and learning 'Dancing in the Street' by Martha and the Vandellas.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring our 'Dreams and Goals' for the future. Our second topic will explore the idea of being 'healthy both physically and mentally'.

PE

For our first topic of the term, the children will be focusing on fitness and how to improve their fitness. Each lesson will look at a different type of fitness such as strength, agility, balance, etc. The next topic will be gymnastics. They will be focusing on developing their balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements.

MATHS

To start the half term, we will be looking again at place value, this time to 3 decimal points (tenths, hundredths and thousandths). The children need to identify the value of each digit within a number in both 'English' and 'Maths'. With this knowledge, we will then move onto solving maths stories including decimals up to 3 decimal points. They will become trickier with some numbers having a different amount of digits.

Moving on from this, the children will begin to explore fractions, including using the 4 operations to complete maths stories. They will make links between decimals and fractions to help with this. In addition, the children will be recapping standard method for multiplication before moving onto division.

Art

In our upcoming art lessons, we will be exploring the famous artist 'Frida Kahlo'. Pupils will explore her use of symbols to reflect her culture and her use of colour to reflect her emotions at that time. Pupils will create their own self-portraits, looking at being proportional to their own face.

DT

The spring unit is looking at 'Chinese Inventions'. By the end of the unit, the children will have the opportunity to design, make and evaluate their own kite. To do this, we will be looking at the four great inventions of China and how they shaped the world.