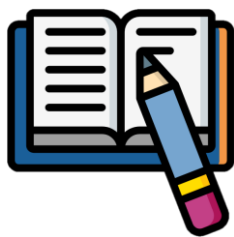


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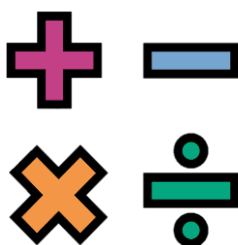
Literacy



In our writing lessons, we will start with the book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' by Helen Cooper. Using this text, we will use our writing skills to write letters, retell the story and create our own narratives. Towards the end of the half-term, we will be using the book 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield to write news reports, information posters and letters.

In our Phonics lessons, we will continue to complete the Bridge to Spelling scheme of work. We will learn important spelling rules including when to use '-s' and '-es' to make plurals, doubling the final letter in some words before adding '-ing', and swapping the 'y' for an 'i' before adding '-ed'. We will learn these rules and practice applying them to ambitious vocabulary.

Maths



In Maths, we will begin by counting, comparing and calculating money, focusing on notes and coins. We will identify the best methods to make change.

We will then deepen our understanding of multiplication and division by making groups, sharing and using arrays to solve number problems.

Science



In our first Science topic, we will begin by identifying and describing the basic structure of plants. We will work scientifically by observing changes to plants over time. Our next topic, Animals, will explore the 5 animal groups and the diets needed to survive in the food chain.

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Art



Our Art topic for Spring 1 is Pop Art, focusing on the work of Roy Lichtenstein. We will explore the use of bold colours and the importance of these in pop art. We will then be using lines to creatively design a superhero. We will use our knowledge of primary colours and painting skills to create a final piece.

Computing



In Computing, Year 2 will be learning about photography. We will be looking at photographs and defining what makes a 'good' photograph. We will also begin taking our own photographs and experimenting with taking pictures in landscape and portrait orientations. We will then edit the photos, add filters and adjusting the colours.

History



During Spring 1, we will be looking at what life was like 200 years ago during the Victorian era, making comparisons between the rich and poor of Victorian society. We will then be learning about the historical figure Florence Nightingale and why she was significant to Britain during this time.

Music



This half-term in Music, Year 2 will be exploring the themes of animals and numbers through song. Using the song 'In the Jungle', we will begin to develop our understanding of a steady beat. We will be discovering and using pitch, as well as identifying the changes in pitch throughout a piece of music. In the Numbers unit, Year 2 will learn the beat of a waltz and the counting used in a waltz beat.

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PE



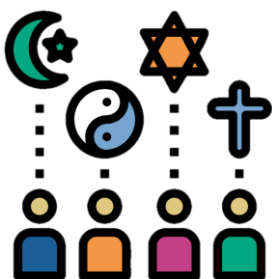
In PE, Year 2 will be learning about Gymnastics. The children will begin by exploring different travelling movements, using different parts of their bodies to travel on and will learn to link these movements together using key gymnastics shapes. There will be plenty of opportunities to practice core skills including balance and co-ordination and to use their creativity and imagination to create routines both individually and as part of a team.

PSHE



Our PSHE topic is 'Rights and Respect'. We will begin looking at creating positive relationships in the classroom. We will discuss how to respect other people's feelings and learn strategies to recognise and support with our own emotions. We will look at our right to be safe, what this looks like and who we can ask for help and advice.

RE



In RE this half-term, we will be learning about Hinduism. The children will focus on answering the Big Question: What is special about Krishna and the Holi Festival? We will first learn about Krishna and read the story 'Krishna Tricked the Girls'. Then we will be looking at the key symbols linked to Krishna and identify how Hindus celebrate Holi festival.