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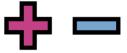
In our writing lessons, we will first be using the book 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo to write a non-chronological report about rats and an extended narrative with an alternative dilemma. Towards the end of the half-term, we will be using the book 'The Last Garden' by Rachel Ip to write a narrative.

Literacy



In our reading lessons, we will be looking at a poetic retelling of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' written by Robert Browning. Written in Old-English, each session will begin with a chance for children to explore new and unfamiliar vocabulary in the context of the poem. Lessons will provide opportunities for children to infer about characters, summarise sections of the poem in their own words and explore the shape of the poem and its rhyming structure. We will then be looking at the non-fiction book 'Earth Shattering Events' by Robin Jacobs and Sophie Williams which explores the scientific and geographical background of natural disasters.

Maths





In Maths, we will deepen our understanding of multiplication and division by learning to multiply and divide 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, with and without renaming. Then we will begin learning about length and perimeter. In this topic, we will calculate perimeters in centimeters and meters.

Science



In our Science topic, we will build on our learning from last half-term about rocks by learning about fossils and how they are formed. Then, we will explore the importance of soil by planning, conducting and evaluating a soil experiment.

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Art



Our Art topic for Spring 1 is Abstract Art, focusing on the work of Bridget Riley. We will be using painting techniques to create an abstract paining entitled 'Flow', inspired by images from the BBC programme 'Earth From Space'.

Computing



In Computing, we will be exploring the concept of sequencing in Scratch Jr. The lessons will cover basic programming language, sequencing and ordering commands with a view to completing a final project of designing and programming a musical instrument.

History



In History, we will be exploring Roman Britain. We will learn about the invasion of the Roman Empire and how this shaped Britain, as well as investigating why Scotland was never conquered. We will also look at Roman beliefs about God, and the influences of Roman Britain on today's society.

MFL



In Spanish this half-term, the children will learn and practice saying, reading and writing the days of the week and learning to say how old they are.

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Our Music topic for Spring 1 is Exploring Percussion and Recorders. During this topic, the children will improve their ability to recognize and control changes in pitch, develop an awareness of simple music structures, and explore and play simple melodic patterns on pitched percussion instruments.



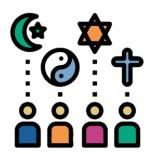


In PE, Year 3 will be learning about Basketball. The children will build on their tactical knowledge by understanding the role of an attacker when in possession and will develop their dribbling and passing skills in order to work well as a team. At the end of the unit, the children will apply their skills and knowledge of the sport to compete in a tournament against their classmates.



Our PSHE topic is 'Rights and Respect'. We will learn more about the skills we need to develop as we grow up, including how we can make a difference by helping and being helped. This will include looking after and nurturing our environment. The children will also be developing their understanding of how we can manage money, thinking about some of the difficult decisions we might have to make when spending money.

RE



This half-term, we will be learning about Islam - Living as a Muslim, and answering the Big Question: What is it like to live as a Muslim? Children will learn about the Five Pillars of Islam, what it is like in a Mosque and the role of the Muezzin. They will also learn about wearing the hijab.