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In our writing lessons, we will first be using the book 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson to create setting and character descriptions as well as our own sequels to the book. We will then use the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner to create non-chronological reports, letters and a mystery narrative.

Literacy



In our reading lessons, we will be using the book 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T. Smith to decipher the meanings of words and phrases in context and make inferences from the clues presented. There will be opportunities for the children to practice retrieval, summarising, comparing and sequencing throughout. We will then begin a poetry unit on Carol Ann Duffy where the children will be look at language within the poems to see how the poet creates a picture. The children will compare two poems through content and form and finally pick their own poem to perform to the class.

Maths





In Maths, we will complete a unit about Fractions. We will build on our prior knowledge of fractions and finding a fraction of an amount and apply this to a range of contexts, including multi-step calculations. We will then move on to learning about money. We will learn to convert pounds to pence, as well as add and subtract money.

Science



In our Science topic of Plants, we will dissect a plant and learn about the function of the parts. We will learn in-depth about water transportation, seed dispersal, pollination and the lifecycle of plants.

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Art



In our Art topic this half-term, we will work towards choosing a God or Goddess to draw in the style of the artist Raphael. The children will focus on accuracy, proportion and shading to show texture.

Computing



In our Media unit, we will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. We will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents, including a magazine cover.

Geography



In Geography, we will be studying volcanoes and earthquakes. We will learn about the location of these, as well as the cause and effects of them.

MFL



In Spanish this half-term, the children will learn to discuss birthdays and the months of the year.

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Music



In Summer 1, our Music lessons will focus on expressing the meaning of songs as we sing, beginning to read standard rhythmic notation, and learning how to describe different genres of music we have heard and express a preference.

PE



In our PE unit, 'Outdoor Adventure Activities' (OAA), pupils will be able to develop problem solving skills through a range of challenges. Pupils work independently, in pairs and in small groups to plan, explore, solve, reflect and improve on strategies. Pupils learn what makes a good team, as well as how to orient a map and how to follow a route.

PSHE



Our PSHE topic is 'Keeping Safe'. We will learn about the skills we need to identify situations that are safe and unsafe, including the people who can help when a situation is unsafe. We will discuss risks associated with different scenarios and suggest ways of managing and reducing them. The children will evaluate different sources on the internet and identify possibles risks associated with browsing online. The children will be have a brief introduction to risks associated with nicotine and alcohol.

RF



This half-term, we will explore the Big Question: What are religious and non-religious beliefs about looking after our world? We will focus on clean air, learning about ways that people around the world are trying to support clean air.