

English

During English this half term we will be looking at the text 'George and the Dragon'. The children will be replicating their own version of the story using personal experiences (real and fictional), subordination and co-ordination and expanded noun phrases. After completing this, they will be exploring features of a poster and producing their own poster about their dragon. They will be using sentences with different forms, ensuring to use familiar punctuation correctly. They will then move onto writing a letter to the fire brigade. Before finishing the term, the children will be writing their own recipe of all the things that make a great Christmas.

Computing

We are going to be starting off by learning what an algorithm is. The children will be using laptops to go onto the internet to access Turtle web page, where they will be creating an algorithm using a repeated command to rotate and move their turtles. Following on, the children will then be applying the same skills while accessing a different programme called Scratch.

History

Why were Castles built?

This is the question that the children will be building their knowledge around in preparation to answer at the end of the topic. They will be developing their vocabulary whilst identifying the key features of a castle. Once the children have a clear understanding of castles, they will be applying their knowledge to explain the life in a castle and the jobs that were had. A variety of sources will be used throughout the topic to help us find out different pieces of information to help us in our quest to answer the key question.

RE

Christmas is just around the corner and in RE we will be exploring the story of Hanukkah. We will be thinking about why candles are special to Christians and Jews. Discussions will be had for all children to have an opportunity to express their ideas.

RHE

This half term the children will be looking at relationships with family and friends. They will be looking at the importance of relationships and having a voice to express their feelings and emotions. There will be a focus on the following vocabulary: respect, relationship, co-operation and difference

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Music

What an exciting half term this is for Music! The children will be auditioning for their parts in the Christmas performance. They will be learning their new lines and songs to perform to you all at the end of the term.

Physical Education

In PE this half term the children will be learning the five key gymnastic shapes. They will be mastering the basic movements as well as balance, agility and co-ordination. The children will be performing their very own sequences using a variety of equipment.

Maths

To start the half term, we will be focusing on number facts to 20 using addition and subtraction. We will be using the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction to check our calculations and solve missing number problems. The children will be applying their knowledge of mental and written methods, using concrete objects and pictorial representations.

Science

Changing materials

We are going to be looking at why different materials are used to do certain jobs and gaining an understanding of how materials change in different conditions. The children will be doing some simple testing and exploring what an independent variable is; carrying out their experiment which will look at which materials absorb the most water.

Art

This half term the children will be developing a range of techniques using colour, pattern, lines, texture, and shape. They will be looking at a variety of artists such as Andy Warhol, Vincent Van Gogh and Matisse to help them work creatively to design and make leaf prints inspired by Andy Warhol. Comparisons will be made to help stimulate and develop their understanding of prints. Finally, they will complete the unit of work by creating a print using a range of colours.