

MATHS

This term in maths we will be looking at position and direction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and time. We will be starting to look at written methods for multiplication and division. Children will develop their understanding of equivalent fractions, adding/subtracting fractions and finding fractions of quantities. When we look at decimals we will be able to recognise tenths and hundredths. We will look at converting different units of time. Children will be continuing to develop their rapid recall of multiplication facts to prepare for the multiplication table check in June.

ART

This term our art topic is 'At the Pantomime'. We will be designing and making a set for a particular pantomime scene with characters.

SCIENCE

In science this term, we will be looking at living in different environments. We will look at different grouping and naming things using classification keys. We will also be looking at eating and digestion. We will develop our understanding of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and food chains. As part of this topic we will be looking at teeth and investigating how the digestive system works and the different parts of the digestive system.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E this term, we will be looking at why the Prophet Muhammed matters to people of the Islamic faith. We will be learning about the Quran and Muhammed's life.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

We will learn more about seasonal food. We will be looking at seasonal menus and tasting different seasonal foods. We will have a go at peeling, chopping and dicing foods. At the end of the topic we will make a pie/tart of our choice using the seasonal foods we have learned about.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we shall be looking at achievements and setting targets. We will develop our understanding of 'habits' and developing healthy habits including online habits. We shall also recognise different behaviours which could be classed as bullying and ways to resolve disputes with others. We will consider ways to keep teeth healthy linked to our science and how laws keep people safe.

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HOME ACTIVITIES

To help in bringing the topics being studied to life, we have some activities: some are activities you can do with your child and others they could complete independently. As per last term, children will have a chance to showcase these towards the end of the term on *Monday 16th March 2020*.

- Create your own pyramid model that represents an Egyptian pyramid.
- Make a model of an Egyptian mummy in a tomb
- Visit Birmingham Art Gallery and go to the Ancient Egypt Gallery and create a presentation or do your own research linked to the Egyptians and create a project folder with your work in.
- Create your own model/diagram of the digestive system.

GEOGRAPHY

Our geography topic this term is 'In the Desert'. We will be looking at locating different deserts in the world using maps and atlases and how the climate and weather is different in these locations. As part of the topic, we will also be looking at how deserts are used by humans and how the characteristics of the desert effect the people that live there.

ENGLISH

This term in English we will be developing our skills of writing in different genres. We will be writing a recount, persuasive letter, imaginative and fantasy stories, list poems, kennings and we will look at some classic fiction such as The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and some fiction by Rudyard Kipling. Children will continue to develop their handwriting skills by joining more legibly and we will be looking at ways to make our writing more ambitious. In reading, we will be focusing on developing our inference skills and looking at how this can link to retrieval. We will also look at the VIPERS skill 'explain' in more detail.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be looking at animation and programming. We will be using a variety of apps and programmes such as Scratch and Stop Motion to support us with our learning.

HISTORY

In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the importance of artefacts, the way of life in Ancient Egypt, tombs/pyramids and burial sites and about Tutankhamun.

MUSIC

We will continue to work towards our ukulele performance at the end of the first half of this term. We will then move on to looking at different tempos and different styles of music and how music has changed over time. We shall also look at composing our own lyrics and developing our performance skills.

LANGUAGES

In French we will be continuing to learn the parts of the body, clothes, months and then will be looking at phrases linked to towns including giving directions and what we want from the shop.