

ENGLISH

Using non-fiction texts, children will strengthen their reading and writing skills this half-term. Linked to their geography learning, they will explore tourist guides and how these texts are organised, identifying key features such as headings, captions, labels and fact boxes. Children will research UK landmarks and cities using a range of sources and use their findings to create their own tourist guide, with opportunities to edit and improve their work.

GEOGRAPHY

This half-term, children will be learning about the United Kingdom. They will practise locating counties, cities and regions using atlases and online maps, learn how to use compasses and create their own simple maps. The learning will also include practical outdoor orienteering activities on Wanstead Flats.

PE

In indoor PE lessons, the pupils will develop fundamental choreography skills encompassing travel, dynamics and partner work in dance. Emphasis in outdoor PE will be on developing striking, throwing and catching skills through cricket-based activities.

PSHE

The topic this half-term is 'Healthy Me'. Year 3 will learn about how food is fuel for their bodies and the effect of exercise. They will find out how the emergency services keep us safe and will be encouraged to seek adult help if they are worried about something they see or hear.

MUSIC

Pupils will embed their learning in C Major and how to keep a steady pulse on the Ukulele. They will learn to play two-chord songs with F Major and C7, singing simultaneously. Focus will be on shifting chords smoothly, identifying harmonic changes and improving aural skills.

FRENCH The children will respond to common classroom instructions in French through playing games, as well as learning the vocabulary for classroom items. They will find out that every French noun is either 'masculine' or 'feminine'

MATHEMATICS

Children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be exploring column addition further with a particular focus on regrouping and adding numbers in the most efficient order. Pupils will focus on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, exploring the links and connections between numbers. Children will use these times tables facts to solve multiplication problems, as well as finding out whether numbers are divisible. We will conclude by looking at column subtraction, including calculations where exchanges are required. Homework for maths will continue to be set via LbQ on a weekly basis.

COMPUTING

Pupils will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Learners will create physical and on-screen branching databases, as well as consider real-world applications for branching databases.

RE

In Religious Education, the children will learn about how Hindu people celebrate their beliefs. They will investigate the stories surrounding the Hindu festival of Holi, a battle around good and evil, and the importance of faithfulness and colour in our lives.

SCIENCE

The FAB science company will deliver an interactive workshop to introduce this half-term's topic on forces and magnets. Children will experiment with magnets, learning about gravity and friction and the forces of push and pull. They will explore the use of magnets and different forces in relation to the real world. Subsequently, they will generalise about what happens when magnets are put near one another or together, using scientific terms such as 'attract' and 'repel'.

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