

ENGLISH

This term's English unit will be Shakespeare, with a focus on Macbeth. The children will begin by reading the play and delving into the dilemmas and feelings of the characters. They will then investigate Shakespearean language and how it differs from late modern English while performing and writing in the same style. Our Shakespeare unit will be enriched by a workshop delivered by the Globe Theatre Company. Following this, we will investigate oral storytelling. Children will be able to investigate the characters' thoughts and feelings, as well as retell events. Students will be encouraged to reflect on the purpose behind their performances and consider their intended audiences.

SCIENCE

Pupils will be studying the topic 'Changing Materials' this half term. The children will decide how to separate mixtures by filtering, sieving and evaporating. They will also conduct experiments to demonstrate their understanding of soluble and insoluble materials.

PE

Children will continue to develop skills in gymnastics this half-term. They will also work on making the routines and balances they create more complicated. In football, children learn how to play effectively in different positions and formations.

PSHE

During this half-term, children will think about the theme 'Celebrating Difference.' They will talk and work together to discuss cultural differences, how they feel about different people and how they can all stand up to different kinds of bullying.

MUSIC

Pupils will continue to utilise standard notation (treble clef) to compose music for ensemble performance in our sessions. They will also carry on playing the glockenspiel, further solidifying their grasp of the instrument's note placement.

FRENCH

In the Space Exploration unit, pupils will be taken into space, giving them a chance to learn more about science and improve their French grammar skills.

MATHEMATICS

This half-term, pupils will learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. Fractions will be converted to decimals and vice versa. They will then work on word problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. Pupils will be encouraged to ask pertinent questions and solve problems using logic as well as explaining their reasoning clearly. Formal written methods (column addition and subtraction) for adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits will also be taught.

COMPUTING

This half term, pupils will be exploring how computers can contain a variety of sensory devices and how the data gathered from these inputs can change the outputs of their code. They will program microchip computers collaboratively, and build their debugging skills by learning how to create multiple versions of the same program.

RE

In RE lessons, pupils will learn about how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world. The children will look into things like "Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?" and "How do people in different countries celebrate this holiday?"

HISTORY

Pupils will continue learning about how the power of the monarchy in Britain has changed over time. They will investigate the causes and consequences of major historical events, as well as their impact on the United Kingdom. Children will also compare different accounts of these events and try to understand why they might be different by examining a variety of sources. Finally, pupils will debate whether or not the monarchy should be abolished.

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