

ENGLISH

This half term, the children are looking at stories from an imaginary world. This will involve them watching film extracts and reading texts to develop their ability to summarise the key issues and identify the dilemma. They will be encouraged to predict the outcome of a problem using evidence from the text that suggests a character's point of view. The children will also use drama as a way of exploring possible courses of action. When writing their own stories the children will focus on creating tension by looking at the effect of varying sentence length on the mood of a piece e.g. using long sentences to add description and short sentences to increase tension.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term the children will be studying London and discussing why it's such a great place to live. They will find out about the different London boroughs, locating different landmarks on maps and learning to navigate the capital using a tube map. The children will also investigate the physical and human features that exist in Forest Gate in order to support their explanations as to why Forest Gate is such an amazing area.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Electricity', the children will work in small groups to construct and draw simple circuits. They explore which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. The children will also conduct their own scientific investigations to identify and test questions such as 'Why does a bulb become brighter?' and 'What causes the flow of electricity to stop in a circuit?'

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RE

In RE the children are studying the topic 'What happens when someone gets married?' They will think about what a wedding celebration is and what it means to celebrate. They consider the importance of marriage. The children will learn about and sequence the different stages of Jewish, Muslim and Hindu weddings. They reflect on the meaning, for Hindus, of the symbols associated with this ceremony.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will be developing their skills in co-ordinates. They will learn to plot points on two and four-quadrant grids and use that knowledge to create polygons. They will also describe movement between positions when learning about translation. The children will be looking at a wide range of scales and identifying the missing values. Furthermore, they will learn how to convert different imperial and metric units and solve multi-step word problems involving measures. Roman numerals will be taught, with the children learning how to read and write them.

COMPUTING

In addition to learning about the importance of Internet safety, the children will be using J2E software to create web pages about London.

ART AND DESIGN

This half term the children will be studying the art work of William Morris and Arthur Rackham, and use these as inspiration to create patterns using different materials. They will also create a 3D room containing Victorian artefacts. The children will then design their own imaginary world using Arthur Rackham's artwork as a stimulus.

PE

Swimming lessons will start for 4C. For indoor PE, 4A & 4S will be developing a range of fitness-based activities with the intention that they will improve their levels of speed, agility, co-ordination and stamina. During outdoor PE lessons, the pupils will be enhancing their athletics skills. They will be throwing a javelin, completing obstacle courses and practising how to jump longer distances.