

## ENGLISH

Our topic this term is Shakespeare and we will be focusing on Macbeth. The children will start by reading the play and exploring the characters' dilemmas and feelings. They will then look at Shakespearean language and how it is different to late modern English, performing and writing in the same style. After this unit they will explore oral story telling. Children will be given opportunities to investigate the thoughts and feelings of the characters as well as retell events.

## SCIENCE

This half term, the children will be studying the topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. They will decide how mixtures might be separated, through filtering, sieving and evaporating. In addition, they will carry out investigations to demonstrate their understanding of soluble and insoluble materials.

## PE

Pupils will also continue developing their hockey knowledge and skills such as dribbling and passing and confidently apply them in game situation. They will be taught to use specific handball skills such as dribbling, blocking and shooting during our indoor sessions.

## PSHE

This term pupils will be thinking about 'Celebrating Difference'. With a focus on discussion and collaboration, pupils will be asked to think about: cultural differences, attitudes towards different people and how they can all stand up against different types of bullying.

## MUSIC

The pupils will learn to play a piece of music using staff notation and then be asked to compose their own section to add to the piece. They will also be learning to play a well-known Christmas song from Spain. They will be discussing texture and how they can texture to the pieces they are playing.

## FRENCH

In the unit, Space Exploration, the children will be transported into space, giving them an opportunity to develop their scientific vocabulary as well as grammar skills.

## MATHEMATICS

This term will begin by building on pupils' previous knowledge of addition and subtraction. They will proceed to use formal methods (columnar addition and subtraction) to add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, while also thinking about mental strategies that can be used when calculating with larger numbers. Pupils will also be developing multiplication and division skills using written methods and interpreting remainders when it is applicable. Finally, during geometry lessons, pupils will be calculating the area of different rectangles.

## COMPUTING

During this half term, pupils will add on to their knowledge of coding. They will be encouraged to apply their understanding of different coding concepts in a project that will challenge them to think logically, laterally and efficiently to accomplish numerous tasks.

## RE

During RE lessons, pupils will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated throughout the world. Questions such as 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?' will be investigated and the children will then explore how people in different countries mark this festival.

## HISTORY

Pupils will be continuing to learn about the changing power of the monarchy in Britain. They will examine the causes and results of great events in history and the impact they have had on the UK. The children will also be comparing different accounts of events and try to offer reasons for different versions of them by looking at a range of sources. At the end of the unit, through debate, children will decide if the monarchy should be abolished.

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