

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 we will explore oral story telling. The children will rehearse the language they need for a particular topic before reading and analysing it, then writing their own version. They will be given opportunities to investigate the thoughts and feelings of the characters as well as re-tell events.

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 had on the UK. We 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.

COMPUTING

The children will be learning how to take different algorithms and link them together in order to complete more complex tasks. They will be introduced to more advanced skills such as variables and nested functions, to make their code more efficient.

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.

MATHEMATICS

We will begin this half term by building on the pupils' previous knowledge of division. They will learn to divide whole numbers into 2, 4, 5 and 10 equal parts; this will lead them onto decimal numbers when they divide 1 in the same way. After this, they will read/write scales and number lines before converting between units of measure including using common decimals and fractions. Additionally, we will move onto solving word problems that involve multiple steps and a variety of operations.

ART AND DESIGN

This half term children will be focusing on colour mixing and creating abstract artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian, Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky. We will be concentrating on developing the skills of painting with acrylic paints and watercolours. The children will explore how the use of colour can change the mood and meaning of a piece.

PE

For PE, the children will be learning and enhancing their skills in rounders. They will recognise how some aspects of fitness apply to rounders, e.g. power, flexibility and cardiovascular endurance. Pupils will also continue developing their hockey knowledge and skills such as dribbling and passing and confidently apply them in game situation.

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SCIENCE

This half term, we will be studying the topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The children will use their prior knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to 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.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Over this half term, children will be thinking about the topic 'Dreams and Goals'. Pupils will be encouraged to think about the goals they wish to set themselves. They will also be thinking about their dreams for the world and considering the work of charities too.

