

ENGLISH

The first English focus this half term is oral story-telling. The children will learn about how this tradition originated and the features of a well-told story. They will outline a story in preparation for orally telling it, then refine, develop and present it before an audience. In the latter part of the half term we will explore the different features of reference texts. The children will read and compare examples of a range of reference texts, for example dictionaries, explanations and instruction texts. Working in small groups, they will prepare their own reference texts and then evaluate their effectiveness.

HISTORY

There was significant progress made in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and Year 3 will investigate these changes by exploring differences in tools used, settlements (e.g. Iron Age hill forts), hunting and gathering, farming and culture. They will learn how to sequence key events on a timeline and will also look at technology, travel and religion. We plan to visit the Natural History Museum to support our learning.

PE

In outdoor PE the children are developing the skills necessary to play handball, such as hand-eye co-ordination and how to hit the ball with a degree of accuracy.

Indoors, the children are learning to use different gym apparatus and then incorporate what they have learnt to create their own aerobic routines. They will also participate in multi-skills that develop their movement and fitness levels.

MATHEMATICS

In maths the children will be applying their times table knowledge and understanding of place value to develop a written method to divide two-digit numbers by single-digit numbers e.g. $48 \div 3$. They will also be using these skills to multiply. Once these methods become secure, the children will then use the strategies they have learnt to solve word problems, showing that they can apply their learning in real-life situations. They will further consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction and apply this in problem-solving contexts. The children will learn the 4 and 8 times tables and make links to their related division facts.

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The children will learn how the symbol of light makes a difference to people's lives and will relate it to religious festivals e.g. Christmas, Diwali and Chanukah. They will discuss the significance of light and will reflect on the impact of light in their own lives.

COMPUTING

The children will learn how to use the software program Scratch to create sequences. They will use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work and also learn how to detect and correct errors in programs.

ART AND DESIGN

Linking to their History work, the children will investigate and experiment with some of the techniques used during prehistoric times to create art. They will analyse and make deductions using stone age art to understand what life during the period was like.

SCIENCE

The science topic will be Rocks this half term. The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will also describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.