

## LITERACY

The literacy focus this half term is adventure and mystery stories. The children have learnt that a key feature of this genre is the setting of clues which build on each other to reveal the answer and, using this knowledge, they created their own riddles for their partner to solve. During this unit of work the children will examine how authors build up suspense and they will use the clues in stories to predict what happens next. They will then use these predictions to continue stories. At the end of the unit the children will use all of this knowledge to plan and then write their own mystery story.

## NUMERACY

In maths the children have been developing their knowledge of the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They have applied this understanding, sorting the shapes using different criteria and also working out how their partner has sorted shapes. The children have focussed on identifying lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and they will extend this into reflecting 2D shapes over lines of symmetry outside the shape. The relationship between different units of measurement will be reinforced this half term and the children will choose and use appropriate units to estimate, measure and record length, weight and capacity.

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## TOPIC

In 'Chocolate and the Rainforest' the children will use atlases and globes to locate where cocoa comes from. They will investigate how weather and climate affect the lives of people in these regions. The children will examine how growing cash crops can affect farmers and the area where they live and also the impact of Fairtrade on farmers and their communities. To support their learning the children will be visiting Kew Gardens.

## ICT

The children will be using the stamp tool in the Dazzle program to create a repeating pattern. They will learn how to rotate and resize stamps that they have made to generate a design which will be used for the packaging of their chocolate bar.

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## ART AND DESIGN

Linking to their Topic work, the children will be making their own chocolate bar and then designing their own packaging for it. This will incorporate work on the nets of 3D shapes as well as a consideration of how colour, pattern and layout affect how attractive a product is.

## SCIENCE

The children will be focusing on plants this half term – identifying and labelling the different parts and their functions. In groups, they will also create their own investigations to find out what plants need in order to live and grow. The trip to Kew Gardens will reinforce this work.

## RE

The children are learning about how Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi. They are examining the role of good and bad characters in stories and how Hindus believe faith can overcome evil. In groups, the children will then create and act out their own stories to demonstrate to each other the values of perseverance and commitment.

## PE

Ball skills, including improving the children's ability to pass and catch in different ways with their hands and how to dribble, pass and receive a football, is this half term's focus in outdoor PE. In gym the children will be thinking about incorporating balance when stretching, curling and arching. They will work with a partner to produce a sequence of movements.