

ENGLISH

The English focus this half term is fables, traditional tales and instructional texts. The children will explore the different features of each style of writing. In 'fables and traditional tales', they will identify and discuss common themes, for example good over evil, wise over foolish, etc. Using a familiar story theme, children will plan and write their own stories. The children will also read and compare examples of instructional texts. Working in small groups, they will prepare a set of oral instructions and then follow these to evaluate their effectiveness. The children will prepare clear written instructions, for example for a playground game.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term the children are learning about continents, especially Europe, and are becoming aware of where the UK is in relation to the rest of Europe. This involves using atlases and transferring information from an atlas to their own maps. Later in the half term the children will be finding out about the highest mountains, the longest rivers and the largest deserts and where in the world these natural wonders can be found.

SCIENCE

In science the children are investigating Forces and Magnets, both natural and man-made. This will involve experimenting with magnets, learning about gravity and friction and the forces of push and pull. Very importantly, they will explore the use of magnets and different forces in relation to the real world and their importance to our everyday lives.

MATHS

This term the children will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole (for example $\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$). They will practise counting up and down in tenths and learn that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts. The children will also estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours and use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight. The children will also focus on learning the 4 times tables and make links to its division facts.

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The children will learn about Diwali. They will gain an understanding of how Hindu people celebrate their beliefs at home and in the temple. The children will also explore different Hindu festivals e.g. Holi. They will examine how the Vedas scriptures guide Hindus in their daily life.

COMPUTING

The children have begun to use 'J2Code' to create their own simple animation. They will also learn how to expand and modify block coding. They will use trial and improvement to help solve problems that might arise.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The children have been learning to play an Indonesian instrument called the Gamelan. As part of the 'Gamelan Project' they worked with a specialist to create their own shadow puppets to perform in an Indonesian play.

PE

In outdoor PE, children will be learning the skills required to play rounders, including catching and throwing techniques and the rules of batting and fielding. Indoors, they are focussing on developing their gymnastic abilities; working on balances and transitions, improving the quality of their body shapes and transferring these new skills onto apparatus.