

ENGLISH

This half term children will be focusing on stories with flashbacks. They will explore how the use of flashbacks can give the reader a deeper understanding of the character's motivations, eventually planning and writing their own stories. Throughout this work, the children will also be guided to explore a range of sentence types, with an emphasis on the use of embedded or relative clauses to add information.

SCIENCE

The children will begin a term-long unit: Evolution and Inheritance. They will learn that living things change over time and adapt to suit their environment, and that they produce offspring – but often these are not identical to their parents. Pupils will find out how we learn about such changes, studying the work of Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace and others.

HISTORY

Children will be learning about how London has been shaped by the arrival of different groups of people. The unit will include the impact of the Romans, the Windrush Generation and other groups who have made the city their home. Additionally, they will be exploring the changes caused by immigration in the twentieth century.

PE

To continue to keep children active and healthy, exercise videos, website links and activity cards will be posted on Google Classroom. Activities to be covered are games, fitness and problem solving. Exercises to be posted will include videos on PE with Joe Wicks, BBC Super Movers, GoNoodle and Zumba Kids.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will be learning how to find the area of a variety of shapes. They will also be drawing shapes to given measurements, angles, lengths and areas. Long division and the inverse operation will be used to answer increasingly complex questions. Pupils will also be exploring mixed numbers and how to convert these to improper fractions and finding fractions of amounts.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Children will cook and sample their own food within this unit on bread. Linking to our history focus, after taste-testing bread from around the world, the children will create their own recipes and bake them. They will then evaluate their products and suggest ways to improve them.

COMPUTING

Pupils will learn the advantages, disadvantages and risks of different forms of social media and will be introduced to blogging. Over the half term, children will develop their own personal blogging page, learn how to leave constructive comments and consider their digital footprint.

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

A stimulus, such as a story, video clip or image, is shared with the class; the children are encouraged to come up with philosophical questions about the stimulus. The philosophical questions are open to examination, further questioning and enquiry. P4C enhances children's thinking and communication skills in addition to boosting their self-esteem.

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This half term our topic is 'Life after Death'. This will involve learning about how ideas of an afterlife are represented in different religions, as well as exploring funeral traditions. We will discuss why and how people say goodbye when they lose a loved one. If there are circumstances which will make this topic particularly difficult for your child, please do speak to your child's teacher.

