

ENGLISH

The children will analyse a variety of newspaper articles to learn to identify the key features of journalistic writing. They will learn how to conduct their own research, including how to take notes in bullet-point form and rewrite these in their own words. We will focus on how to structure their pieces using logical paragraphs with the help of subject sentences and formal language. Each student will write their own newspaper story as a final piece, showcasing their new understanding and knowledge.

SCIENCE

The topic 'Earth and Space' will continue this half-term. Pupils will study, document and present data about our planet using their knowledge of day and night. They will learn more about star life cycles and conduct research on some of the world's leading astronomers.

PE

During our outside PE sessions, the children will work with a cricket coach to improve their skills in this sport.. Indoors, they will play handball - improving their passes and trying to throw with increasing accuracy.

PSHE

The "Healthy Me" topic teaches children about nutrition, exercise and healthy living. Pupils will discuss issues such as smoking and alcohol and their effects. Children will also look at mental health and emotions. Discussions in class will centre on living a happy healthy life.



MUSIC

This term, students will study simple chords and a simplified melody of a famous early 20th-century classical guitar piece. They will also play along to mainstream songs and a popular rock guitar riff. Children will begin to learn to sight-read musical notation.

FRENCH

Pupils will learn to give and follow directions and use comparative language, which they will practise as they explore different French-speaking countries.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, students will learn how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and composite shapes. Furthermore, they will learn how to work out these measurements and use them to solve problems in the real world. The children will keep developing their approximation skills by estimating the area of rectangles and comparing their estimates to the real measurements. The children will continue to explain their reasoning in class discussions and group work to consolidate their learning.

COMPUTING

This half-term's focus is teaching pupils how to gather information safely and effectively from the Web and save it in a database of their own design. They will also learn the use of graphing tools for data analysis and editing spreadsheets.

RE

'How do Christians try to follow Jesus' example?' is this half-term's RE question. Pupils will learn about Christians' inspirations and how they follow Jesus. Storytelling will provide an insight into the life of Christ and his teachings.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be focusing on Brazil's rich and diverse culture and geographical features. Students will compare and contrast various regions of Brazil building on their knowledge from our 'Rural and Urban' topic. They will also research the reasons behind individuals migrating from one region of Brazil to another, as well as the lifestyles and difficulties of the Amazon Rainforest's indigenous people.

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