

ENGLISH

Linking with their work in DT, the English focus this half term is traditional tales. The children will investigate the structure of these and identify common features. They will then plan the key events in a story and explore characters' thoughts, feelings and actions. Using a familiar story theme, the children will plan and write their own in the style of a traditional Indonesian tale. Finally, they will perform their stories in an Indonesian shadow puppetry show, accompanying the story by playing gamelan instruments.

SCIENCE

The children will be focusing on light this half term, learning about how shadows are formed and why they move throughout the day. They will gain an understanding of different sources of light and the dangers of looking directly at the sun. This will assist them in creating their shadow puppets.

PE

Indoor PE sessions this half term will focus on dance, where children will create and practise short sequences as a group. In their outdoor sessions, children will build on their footballing skills before taking part in matches.

MUSIC

The children will begin their musical journey playing the glockenspiel. They will discuss the instrument family the glockenspiel belongs to and work on playing together as an ensemble.

GEOGRAPHY

During our topic 'What makes the Earth angry?' the children will be learning about natural disasters and what volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis are. They will explore the link between these events and the Earth's tectonic plates. Year 3 will be studying world maps to locate famous earthquakes and volcanoes and then plot them on a map of their own.

MATHEMATICS

The children will develop an understanding of place value by exploring the relationship between tens and hundreds. They will learn how to recognise the value of each digit in a three-digit number (Hundreds, Tens, Ones). There will be a focus on counting in different multiples (such as 10, 25, 50 and 100) and placing numbers correctly on a number line. The children will also learn a variety of methods for memorising times table facts, checking and building on their current knowledge of the times tables

COMPUTING

This half term, children will be introduced to online safety concepts like reporting and blocking unsafe content, as well as learning basic web browsing skills such as the use of hyperlinks, tabs and the address bar.

RE

The children will study Judaism, gaining an understanding of how Jewish people celebrate their beliefs at home and in the Synagogue. They will also explore Jewish festivals such as Rosh Hashanah and learn about the importance of the Torah.

PSHE

This half term, our theme is 'Being Me in My World'. Children will think about their own achievements, goals and aspirations. They will also consider their impact on the people around them and their ability to support each other. PSHE lessons include a 'Calm Me Time' session, where children learn mindfulness techniques which can give them mastery over their emotions.

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