

ENGLISH

Our first topic this term is persuasive texts and the pupils will be focusing on letter writing. The children will start by investigating the characteristics of persuasive writing by evaluating existing letters and advertisements. They will then use the key features they have identified to write their own persuasive letter linked to their science topic, Earth and Space. After exploring and following models to write their own piece, they will then plan and write a letter to persuade their readers to either go or not go on a space exploration visit.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Earth and Space', the children will be studying the solar system. They will learn about the planets in our galaxy and how each orbits the sun. Our pupils will also investigate the causes of day and night and why daylight hours differ between the seasons.

PE

Pupils will be using basic swimming techniques to swim efficiently. They will learn basic breathing patterns and how to enter and exit water in a variety of ways. During football sessions, children will learn to play effectively in a variety of positions and formations.

PSHE

Over this half term, children will be thinking about the topic 'Dreams and Goals'. Pupils will be encouraged to think about the goals they wish to set themselves. They will also be thinking about their dreams for the world and considering the work of charities.

MUSIC

This term the pupils will learn about call and response and how it can be used to create a musical conversation. They will focus on reading notes on the staff and apply the call and response technique to a well-known Jazz piece as well as their own composition.

FRENCH

This term's topic is shopping in France. Pupils will develop food-related vocabulary and build on their understanding of sentence structures through games and stories.

MATHEMATICS

This half term the children will learn to interpret negative numbers in different contexts. They will also learn to read and write Roman Numerals up to 1000 and recognise years written in this notation. Additionally, pupils will be comparing and ordering fractions whose denominators are the multiples of the same number. They will learn to identify and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction. Finally, they will be taught to recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other.

COMPUTING

This half term, pupils will be learning the fundamentals of digital audio recording techniques, expanding their understanding of inputs and outputs. They will then put these skills to the test to create a digital podcast about the James Webb telescope, including interviews & sound effects, publishing it to the web.

RE

In RE, the children will explore stories from a range of religious traditions such as the story of Adam and Eve, the story of Bilal and the story of the Buddha. In each, they will be encouraged to look for levels of meaning and to apply what they have learnt to their own experiences.

GEOGRAPHY

The children will be discovering more about life in urban and rural areas of England. Comparisons will be made between the settings and the children will also look at land-use maps of the past and compare these with the present to identify how the landscape of the local area has changed. They will revisit terms such as physical and human features. Using atlases and Google Earth the children will also identify major cities and counties in the UK.

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