

ENGLISH

The children will explore the narrative poem 'The Highwayman,' written by Alfred Noyes in 1906. They will learn how effective use of imagery affects their audience and re-write this poem as a story. Additionally, the children will be improving their imaginative writing skills through studying 'Outlaw;' Michael Morpurgo's novel about Robin Hood. They will write their own version of this classic tale, creating their own stories and focussing particularly on writing settings that create mood and the use of implicit information in their character descriptions.

HISTORY

Our topic this half term is The Industrial Revolution. The children will find out about the changes that took place from the 1750s to the early 1900s and how Britain became a superpower. We will focus on how transport, living standards, the life of workers and children changed during this era. The 'Great Stink' and its consequences to the inhabitants of London will be explored.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials', the children will revise features of the three states of matter: solid, liquid & gas. We will visit the Science Museum and take part in the Supercool Show which investigates the science of heat and temperature, melting and boiling points and changes of state. In addition, the children will use a science laboratory to investigate separating materials.

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RE

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

MATHEMATICS

This half term the children will be solving word problems that involve multiple steps and a variety of operations. They will begin by choosing the correct operation and then move on to representing the key information using bar models to calculate the answer. They will be applying the strategies learned in previous unit such as multiplying two two-digit numbers, short division and column addition. We will also focus on reading and interpreting information in tables and line graphs, examining how this skill is used in real-life contexts such as reading flight times, before answering questions and constructing line graphs.

ART AND DESIGN

The children will be investigating the work of artists like L.S. Lowry and look at other forms of landscape artwork. They will use a variety of art materials to sketch industrial settings in the style of Lowry and other prominent artists.

COMPUTING

The children will be creating their own app using AppMaker. The programme will teach them a number of skills such as word processing, word alignment, changing text size and saving work on cloud-based software.

PE

For outdoor PE, the children will develop their passing and throwing accuracy with a particular focus on netball. They will be taught about positional play, tactics and the importance of teamwork. For indoor PE, the children will learn to create sequential travelling movements to music when performing a sequence of dance movements with a particular focus on line dancing.