

ENGLISH

This half term, the children are looking at stories from imaginary worlds. This will involve them watching film extracts and reading texts to develop their ability to summarise the key issues and identify the dilemma. They will be encouraged to predict the outcome of a problem using evidence from the text that suggests a character's point of view. The children will also use drama as a way of exploring possible courses of action. When writing their own stories, the children will focus on creating tension by looking at the effect of varying sentence length on the mood of a piece e.g. using long sentences to add description and short sentences to increase tension.

HISTORY

The children will study Ancient Egypt. At the start of the unit they will visit the British Museum; attending a workshop which will explore the famous tomb-painting of Nebamun hunting in the marshes. They will develop their understanding of chronology by ordering dates and events on a timeline. They will also learn about the daily life of Egyptians, pyramids, the River Nile and have an opportunity to explore and use hieroglyphics.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Sound' the children will experiment to find out that sound is created when objects vibrate. They will investigate how to raise or lower the pitch of a musical instrument. The children will plan and carry out an investigation to find out which materials are better insulators and be encouraged to draw conclusions as to why this is.

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RE

In RE the children will consider the question 'What makes me the person I am?' They will be given the opportunity to reflect on different aspects of their identity, on ideas about what is distinctive about them and what they share with others and the world around them. They will think about what influences them and explain what things they care about in the world.

MATHEMATICS

The children will read, write and order numbers with four digits, partitioning them into multiples of 1000, 100, 10 and 1 and understanding the importance of zero as a place-holder in numbers such as 2036. Using their understanding of place value, they will add or subtract 1, 10, 100 or 1000 to or from whole numbers. They will recognise and interpret negative numbers on a number line and in practical contexts, and use this knowledge to solve problems. The children will also multiply and divide numbers up to 1000 by 10 and then 100.

COMPUTING

In computing, the pupils will learn about the importance of staying safe online and how to do so. In addition, they will explore how to use Microsoft Publisher to create their own documents about Ancient Egypt. They will learn how to choose an appropriate template, change text, insert clipart, align images, create tables and change backgrounds.

ART AND DESIGN

This half term, the children's art work is linked to Ancient Egypt. They will sketch images of artefacts and use clay to explore and develop ideas, including making replicas of Egyptian masks.

PE

Swimming lessons begin for 4B every Thursday morning. 4A & 4M will be studying Bangra dancing and learning how to move to the beat of the music. In addition, children will develop their football skills, learning how to pass and shoot accurately and develop tactical awareness.