

LITERACY

This term, the children are looking at stories that raise issues and dilemmas. This has involved them watching film extracts and reading texts to encourage them to summarise the key issues and identify the problem. They have been encouraged to predict the outcome of a dilemma using evidence from the text that suggests a character's point of view. The children have also used drama as a way of exploring possible courses of action. When writing their own stories the children will be focussing 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 detail and description.

TOPIC

The children's topic this term is 'Young and Old'. They will be finding out what life was like in the past. In particular, they will be looking at games, toys and schools a hundred or so years ago - making comparisons between then and now. They will be encouraged to conduct their own research by talking to older members of their family and friends in order to present this information orally in class. Furthermore, the children continue to develop their understanding of chronology.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'All Living Things', the children will be encouraged to predict which organisms are found in a particular habitat. They will conduct field studies to observe a local habitat and identify that different animals are found in different habitats. In addition, they will investigate food chains and use the scientific terms 'producer' and 'consumer'.

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RE

In RE the children are studying the topic 'What happens when someone gets married?' They have thought about what a wedding celebration is and what it means to celebrate. They will consider the importance of marriage. The children will learn about and sequence the different stages of a Hindu wedding. They will reflect on the meaning, for Hindus, of the symbols associated with this ceremony.

NUMERACY

Pupils will be developing their skills in place value, ordering and rounding. They will increase their understanding of the four operations - addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. They will continue to practise different mental as well as pencil and paper strategies. When these are secure the children will apply them to addition and subtraction questions with decimal fractions. Pupils will also become more familiar with solving puzzles and problems, making decisions and checking results.

ICT

The ICT focus this half term is control. In these lessons, children have been introduced to the Coco2 software for the first time. They have considered how everyday items like lifts and lights are controlled and will learn how to control a Clown simulation using specific commands from the program. They will be encouraged to plan, test and talk about procedures.

ART

The focus in art is 'Take a Seat' and the children will be looking at and drawing images of Georgian and Victorian chairs. This links to their topic work and the children will also design and make a scale model of a chair using a frame.

PE

Swimming lessons continue every week. In addition, the children are developing their netball skills this half term. They are learning the different passes such as a chest pass, shoulder pass and bounce pass. The children will learn how to disguise passes, mark and signal to each other and indicate to others when they are ready to receive a pass.