

ENGLISH

The English focus this half term is fables, traditional tales and instructional texts. The children will explore the different features of each style of writing. In 'fables and traditional tales', they will identify and discuss common themes, for example good over evil, wise over foolish, etc. Using a familiar story theme, children will plan and write their own stories. The children will also read and compare examples of instructional texts. Working in small groups, they will prepare a set of oral instructions and then follow these to evaluate their effectiveness. The children will then prepare clear written instructions, for example for a playground game.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term the children are learning about continents, especially Europe, and are becoming aware of where the UK is in relation to the rest of Europe. This involves using atlases and transferring information from an atlas to their own maps. Later in the half term the children will be finding out about the UK's highest mountains, longest rivers and where famous landmarks can be found.

SCIENCE

In science the children are investigating Forces and Magnets, both natural and man-made. This will involve experimenting with magnets, learning about gravity and friction and the forces of push and pull. Very importantly, they will explore the use of magnets and different forces in relation to the real world and their importance to our everyday lives.

MATHEMATICS

In maths the children will be applying their times table knowledge and understanding of place value to develop a written method to divide two-digit numbers by single-digit numbers e.g. $48 \div 3$. They will also be using these skills to multiply. Once these methods become secure, the children will then use the strategies they have learnt to solve word problems, showing that they can apply their learning in real-life situations. They will also further consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction and also apply this to problem solving contexts. The children will learn the 4 and 8 times tables and make links to their related division facts.

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The children will learn about Diwali. They will gain an understanding of how Hindu people celebrate their beliefs at home and in the temple. The children will also explore different Hindu festivals e.g. Holi. They will examine how the Vedas scriptures guide Hindus in their daily life.

COMPUTING

The children will learn how to use the software program Scratch to create sequences. They will use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work and also learn how to detect and correct errors in programs.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Linked with our science topic on 'Forces and Magnets', the children will be creating pop up books. They will begin by identifying the key forces that help to make movement and then will create pop up books which they will construct using a variety of materials.

PE

In outdoor PE, children will be learning the skills required to play rounders, including catching and throwing techniques and the rules of batting and fielding. Indoors, they are focussing on developing their dance abilities; working on balance and transitions and choreographing their own dance routines in small groups.