

ENGLISH

This half term, the children are looking at stories from an imaginary world. 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

This term the children will be studying a local history topic on the Royal Docks. They will be finding out about how the River Thames and the Royal Docks connected east London to the rest of the world. In addition, they will devise historically related questions to find out what life was like for people working in the Docks during the Victorian era and during WW2. The children will undergo fieldwork including a trip to the Museum of London Docklands.

SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Electricity', the children will work in small groups to construct and draw simple circuits. They will explore which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to make switches. The children will also carry out their own scientific investigations to identify and test questions such as 'Why does a bulb become brighter?' and 'What causes the flow of electricity to stop in a circuit?'

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RE

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

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will be developing their skills in using decimals, focussing on the place value of tenths and hundredths. Additionally, they will learn to convert fractions to decimals. The children will divide whole numbers by 10 and 100 using different methods. Furthermore, they will learn how to add, subtract and multiply amounts of money and then, using these skills, they will interpret word problems related to this topic. In the latter part of the term, the children will be investigating how to measure mass, volume and length.

COMPUTING

In addition to learning about the importance of Internet safety, the children will be using J2E software to create web pages about the Victorian era.

ART AND DESIGN

This half term the children will be studying the art work of William Morris and Arthur Rackham, and use these as inspiration to create patterns using different materials. They will also create a 3D room containing Victorian artefacts. The children will then design their own imaginary world using Arthur Rackham's artwork as a stimulus.

PE

Swimming lessons will start for 4D. For indoor PE, 4A & 4C will be developing a range of fitness-based activities with the intention that they will improve their levels of speed, agility, co-ordination and stamina. During outdoor PE lessons, the pupils will be enhancing their athletics skills. They will be throwing a javelin, completing obstacle courses and practising how to jump longer distances.