

ENGLISH

Our topic this term is Shakespeare and we will be focusing on Macbeth. The children will start by reading the play and exploring the characters' dilemmas and feelings through drama. They will then look at Shakespearean language and how it is different to late modern English, performing and writing in the same style. We will also evaluate a range of versions of Macbeth, including a live interactive Macbeth workshop, gathering ideas to help the children to create their interpretations. After this unit we will explore oral story telling. The children will rehearse the language they need for a particular topic before reading and analysing it, then writing their own version. They will be given opportunities to investigate the thoughts and feelings of the characters as well as re-tell events.

HISTORY

Pupils will be continuing to learn about the changing power of the monarchy in Britain. They will examine the causes and results of great events in history and the impact they had on the UK. We will also be comparing different accounts of events and try to offer reasons for different versions of them. To do this, Year 5 will be given the opportunity to study primary and secondary sources of information and will be visiting the Tower of London.

SCIENCE

This half term, we will be studying the topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The children will use their prior knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, through filtering, sieving and evaporating. In addition, they will carry out investigations to demonstrate their understanding of soluble and insoluble materials and also explain how they know whether dissolving has taken place.

MATHEMATICS

We will begin this half term by building on the pupil's previous knowledge of multiplication and division. When multiplying, they will be encouraged to use a variety of strategies, including number bonds and the column method. The children will then move on to multiply by two-digit numbers before beginning to divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Additionally, they will learn to divide with remainders using different approaches, including number bonds, long and short division. After this, we will move onto solving word problems that involve multiple steps and a variety of operations.

ART AND DESIGN

We will be improving our sketching skills whilst creating portraits. The children will learn about the proportions of the face and how to use symmetry to help create a more life-like image. We will use a range of different media within this unit, including pencil, charcoal, acrylic paints and watercolours. The pupils will also have the opportunity to study portraiture of famous monarchs, linking to their history topic.

COMPUTING

The children will be learning how to take different algorithms and link them together in order to complete more complex tasks. They will be introduced to more advanced skills such as variables and nested functions, to make their code more efficient.

PE

For indoor PE, the focus will be dance. The children will develop their skills; learning steps and keeping to rhythm, as well as choreographing movements and then eventually their own pieces. For outdoor PE, the children will be learning and enhancing their skills in track and field athletic events. They will be focusing on pace and endurance as well as control and sudden acceleration.

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RE

During RE lessons, pupils will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated throughout the world. Questions such as 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?' will be investigated and the children will then explore how people in different countries mark this festival.