

Topic Overview:

This term our learning will be led by our text 'The Paperbag Prince', an interesting and thought-provoking book, which will cause us to consider the impact we're having on our planet, and how we can help to future-proof our world.

After half term, we will begin to learn about different cultures, from Africa to the Mayans, there's a lot of different and fascinating worlds to discover and explore.



English:

During the first half term, we will be focussing on persuasive writing, creating a leaflet which expresses our opinions. Our mastery skills for this will be: using modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, building cohesion within our writing, using parenthesis punctuated with brackets, commas and dashes, and using a wide range of vocabulary. After half term we move onto fictional writing, writing a story based around our book 'The Hunter'. Our mastery skills for this will be: using relative clauses, using adverbs and adverbials, improving our cohesive writing through use of conjunctions, verb tenses, adverbials, and linking ideas together using tense choices. We will continue to develop our comprehension and inferential skills in guided reading and as a whole class share a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Throughout, spelling, punctuation and handwriting remain a priority in all our work.



Maths:

We will begin the term by finishing multiplying and dividing fractions, before beginning to look at decimal and percentages. After this, we will move on to geometry. Here we will be finding area and perimeter, discussing 2D and 3D shapes, comparing and naming angles, drawing and measuring angles, and finding missing angles.

After half term, we will move on to measure—finding mass and capacity, and converting between different units of measurement. We will also look at line graphs in statistics, reflections and rotations in position and direction, before looking at negative numbers, and revisiting decimals.

Science:

Within Science this term, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials. We will compare and group everyday materials on the basis of their properties, learning about solubility, flexibility, transparency, and conductivity. We will also investigate which materials dissolve in liquids to form solutions, and will find out about how we can separate solutions using filtering, sieving and evaporating. After this, we will go on to learn about how some change are reversible and some irreversible.



ICT:

We will begin this term by continuing a unit about building our own Viking games. We will be focussing on the planning, designing and creative processes behind creating our own games, which will contain lots of facts that we've learnt during our studies about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We will then go on to find out about how computers work, and what impact they have on our lives.



Geography and History:

We will begin this half term by recapping the counties of England, as well as learning the location of some of the major cities of the UK, (London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and so on). Any support that you can provide your children with this at home, e.g. showing them cities they have visited on a map of the UK, would be greatly appreciated. We will then go on to learn about the Mayan civilisation, including finding out how and why it grew, their achievements, and their contribution to history.

Art:

Our focus in Art is on creating new from old, linking to our work on recycling.

We will be using junk collected over time to create our own sculptures, and studying the work of Dennis Oppenheim and Benjamin Von Wong, inspired by our text 'The Paperbag Prince'. Later in the term we will use our art skills to create images of elephants on cloth, using the Batik style of decorating on fabric.



PE:

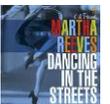
PE lessons will continue to be taught on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon. We will be improving our skills in hockey, tennis and athletics.

French:

This term, we will begin by finding out the names of the planets, linked to our learning in Science last half term. We will then go on to finding out how to describe a day out at the seaside.

P4C:

In P4C, you will be learning all about recycling, linking into our learning in English and reading. We will then go on to look at mental health, including bullying, respect, tolerance and compassion. We will also be discussing personal space, consent and respect for privacy. We will discuss our strengths and personal growth in our My Happy Mind lessons.



Music:

This term, we will be learning all about the popular hit from the 1960s, Dancing in the Street, and will learn a new instrument, the recorder. We will then go on to reflect on our learning so far this year, and practise and perform a piece based on our learning.

RE:

In the first half term we will be finding out more about the Bible, learning the stories of the Old Testament, and how Christians apply this to their lives today. We will then go on to apply this learning in Christianity to the world view Humanism. We will be discussing Humanist values and celebrations, and how these compare to and differ from those of Christians.

