

English

Our theme this half term is giants and our first text will be 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. Through the text we will explore the ideas of friendship, fear and dreams. We will develop skills in writing a narrative and direct speech and continuing our work on our sentence structures.

We will also read 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. We will be developing our persuasive skills by thinking about we could persuade the giant to allow the children to continue to play in his garden in the form of a letter. We will practise our oracy skills by looking at arguments for and against.

In guided reading we will read the BFG alongside our English writing, before moving onto 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.

Design & Technology

We will be learning about cooking and nutrition and eating seasonally. Children will learn that seasonal fruit and vegetables grow in a given season and in different places due to climate. They will learn that eating seasonally is positive for the environment and they will have the opportunity to try different seasonal ingredients before designing their own seasonal tart.

MFL

During French, we will be exploring colours! Initially learning how to say and pronounce colours in French. We will then move on to numbers to 10 and use this to be able to introduce ourselves and our age in full sentences!

PSHE

We will start to at feelings and emotions and developing strategies for managing uncomfortable emotions such as grief.

Next, we will focus on Fire Safety and learning the difference between a deliberate fire and an accidental fire. We learn to reduce the risk of accidental fire risk. We will continue on to Keeping Safe and explore the risks of leaning out of windows.

Year 3

Autumn Term 2

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Geography

In Geography we will look at why people live near volcanoes. We will learn about how volcanoes are created and the effects of volcanic eruptions. We will also learn about earthquakes and where they occur.

Music

In music we will be exploring the music of China. We will learn a traditional Chinese lantern song and then explore how we can use percussion instruments to support this. We will learn the names and orders of notes we need to play.

Maths

Our first unit is about developing our understanding of fractions and geometry. We will initially begin by recapping fractions learnt in KS1 (half, quarter and third). We will learn the meaning of denominator and numerator and then begin to introduce fifths and tenths. We will then compare and order fractions before moving onto adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. Additionally, we will explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes and look at types of angles including right angles. Finally, we will explore measuring and comparing lengths and mass and then telling the time to 5 minutes on an analogue clock.

Science

Our first science topic this half term is 'Animals and Skeletons'. We will learn how skeletons protect vital organs, learn the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate. We will then move on to explore how skeletons support the weight and movement of different animals including humans.

RE

Our focus is around 'Light as a symbol' we will explore how many different religions use light as a symbol within the context of the Hindu festival of Diwali and the Christian celebration of Advent.

PE

The children will receive two PE lessons a week. Sports coaches will lead them in developing ball skills and class teachers will teach the principles of yoga. PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays.