

## ENGLISH

The children will analyse a variety of newspaper articles to identify the key features of journalistic writing. They will learn how to conduct their own research, including how to take notes in bullet-point form and rewrite these in their own words. Pupils will focus on how to structure their pieces using logical paragraphs with the help of subject sentences and formal language. Each child will write their newspaper story as a final piece, showcasing their new understanding and knowledge by incorporating journalistic features.

## GEOGRAPHY

Children will explore urban and rural life in England, comparing these settings and examining historical land-use maps to trace local landscape changes. They will revisit human and physical features, and using atlases and Google Earth, locate UK cities and counties.

## PE

During our outside PE sessions, the children will work on their netball skills, developing their throwing, catching and shooting techniques and getting to grips with the rules of the game. Indoors, the children will complete their second half of the dance unit focusing on facial expression and spatial awareness.

## PSHE

The "Healthy Me" topic teaches children about nutrition, exercise and healthy living. Pupils will discuss issues such as smoking and alcohol and their effects. Children will also look at mental health and emotions. Discussions in class will centre on living a happy, healthy life.



## MUSIC

During his half-term pupils will learn to play the xylophone. They will learn the different notes and develop a better understanding of pitch, rhythm and tempo. Children will also improve their ability to hear, identify and understand music through listening to a variety of different music.

## FRENCH

Pupils will learn to give and follow directions and use comparative language, which they will practise as they explore different French-speaking countries.

## MATHEMATICS

In maths, pupils will learn how to calculate with decimals. They will begin the unit by revisiting multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 before exploring using the four operations with decimal numbers and the links to known multiplication facts. For the second part of the half-term pupils will be studying the multiplicative relationship and other properties of numbers – prime, composite and factors. Homework for maths will continue to be set via LbQ on a weekly basis.

## COMPUTING

Pupils will explore digital database history, comparing it to modern examples like cloud data systems. They will then create and access their own flat-file databases and will be challenged to query their databases by combining sorting and grouping skills to locate relevant records.

## RE

'How do Christians try to follow Jesus' example?' is this half-term's RE question. Pupils will learn about Christians' inspirations and how they follow Jesus. Storytelling will provide an insight into the life of Christ and his teachings.

## SCIENCE

Continuing this half-term, we will further explore 'Earth and Space.' Pupils will research, document and present data about the moon, Mars, and other celestial bodies. They will gain an understanding of why we experience day and night, investigate seasonal changes and get to grips with the vast distances within our solar system. Additionally, children will delve into the lives of renowned astronomers worldwide through research.

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