

English

In English we will read 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. This is linked to our geography biomes unit. We will research deforestation and develop our persuasive writing techniques when writing a letter to the government. We will use emotive and formal language while remaining in the correct genre. We will focus on clearly structured paragraphs to improve the experience for the reader.



Guided Reading

This term we will be reading 'Planet Omar' by Zainab Main. The children will enjoy reading this story and we will focus on retrieval, inference and vocabulary. The children will use dictionaries to check the meaning of words. We will also discuss author choices and practise using evidence from the text to support our answers.



Please continue to read the Accelerated Reader books and do the quizzes. Library on Friday.

Music - Traditional instruments and improvisations

- To discuss likes and dislikes about a piece of music.
- To read musical notations and play corresponding notes.
- To improvise along to a backing track
- To use singing techniques to keep in time with music



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PSHE - Changing Me

Over this half term, the children will be learning about the changes that happen to the human body through puberty. We will then look at how humans and animals grow and what changes happen from birth to adulthood.



Maths:



In Maths, the children are beginning the half term with looking at time. The children will be revisiting quarter past, quarter to and half past. We will then move on to looking at reading the time to the nearest 5 minutes. The children will then explore Roman Numerals and the key symbols.



Next we will explore angles and properties of shapes. We will look at different types of angles and then look at parallel and perpendicular lines. The children will then recognise, draw and describe 2D and 3D shapes.

We will end the year with statistics. We will be interpreting pictograms and bar charts. They will then collect and represent data and organise their results into a bar chart.

PE

Cricket

- To learn how to score in striking and fielding game
- To develop underarm and overarm throwing and bowling.
- To develop batting techniques
- To understand the rules and begin to use tactics for scoring.

Handball

- To work on precision and accuracy when throwing and catching in a team.
- To change direction quickly to evade defenders.
- To develop sportsmanship and play fairly.



RE - What happens if we do wrong.

In this unit we will identify actions that might be seen as wrong. We will learn what Christians, Hindus and Muslims believe about forgiveness and discuss morality.

DT - Pneumatic Toys

- To understand pneumatic systems
- To design a toy with a pneumatic system
- To make a pneumatic system and evaluate



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Science - Plants



This half term we will be looking at plants. We will complete investigations on water transport and the variables needed to grow healthy plants. We will label external and internal parts of a plant through dissection and learn their role and job to keep the plant alive.

Geography - Biomes

In Geography this half term, we are learning about different biomes. We are going to be exploring what a biome is and the similarities and differences within these areas. On a world map, they will identify the key biomes and look at where they are found in the world.

We will be looking at:

Tundra Biomes

Rainforest Biomes

Aquatic Biomes

Desert Biomes

Grassland Biomes

Within each biome, we will be exploring its features. We will look at the vegetation, animals and climate.



tundra



rainforest



aquatic



desert



grassland