

Mathematics

Our maths learning this term will look at developing our understanding of numbers to 50 and placing these on a number line. After this, we begin our multiplication and division unit where we will learn how to create arrays and use these to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will then use this knowledge to make equal groups through sharing (division.) With Mr Gibbs, we will look at comparing and measuring length and height using objects and centimetres. We will also explore measuring mass and volume and have plenty of fun experimenting with this in the water tray.

Physical Education

We will begin our term with a two-week intensive swimming program. In our PE lessons with Mrs Haines on a Friday, we will be building on our skills of running, jumping, throwing, and catching through a variety of fun activities. We will also play a variety of games to continue to develop our team building skills and tactics. Pupils will also take part in a variety of activities which are designed to teach them the skills they will need to participate in a range of sports day events.

RE & PSHE

Our Big question in RE is, "Who do Christians say made the world?" We will learn to retell the story of 'Creation,' from Genesis and say what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world. Our PSHE work links directly to our Harmony principle, 'Interdependence' and how we all work tother as a class community. We will discuss how to make friends, solve friendship problems and help others feel part of a group. We will practice how to show respect to others and talk about what makes a good relationship.

English

In English, our focussed text is a 'defeat the monster' tale called, 'The Paper Bag Princess.' This story begins with Princess Elizabeth, who has everything she could wish for, including an enormous castle, exquisite clothes, and a perfect prince named Ronald. However, her life changes when a dragon smashed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath, and carried off Prince Ronald! Will Elizabeth defeat the dragon? We will find out. The children will focus on rewriting the ending to this tale. In phonics, we will be covering the final few alternative sounds in Phase 5. We will then begin to read real and 'fake' words to prepare us for the Phonics Screening Check in June. Finally, in our poetry lessons, we will write our own dragon poems.

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Castles and Kingdoms.



Design Technology

Our DT project this half term focusses on mechanisms, constructions and materials. We will be designing and making our own castles and trebuchets with moving mechanisms such as drawbridges. We will have lots of fun making these and testing them out.

As part of our school's Harmony Project, we will be delving into the principle of 'Interdependence,' and how this presents in nature. We will be linking this to our showcase performance at the Courtyard Theatre in May.



History & Geography

Our history learning this term will focus on castles, kings, queens, knights and dragons! We will learn about the different parts of a castle and what they are used for. We will also consider what it is like to be a king or queen for the day, make our own crowns and hopefully host our own banquet! Geography will be covered after half term.

Science

In science, we will be studying the topic of 'Light.' We identify and name sources of light and explain what darkness is. We will observe and describe shadows during the day and see how this change depending on the sun's position. We will have lots of fun experimenting with light and shadows and create some shadow art!

Computing

Our computing lessons this half term introduce data handling. We will be learning how to represent data digitally using an online platform to create pictograms. Our learning will also take us outside on a minibeast hunt as we learn how to categorise each of these using a branching diagram.

Music

In our music lessons, we will be exploring patterns and storytelling through music. We will discuss basic musical terms - fast, slow, loud, quiet, and understand how music can tell a story. This will complement our Courtyard Theatre workshops.

Art and Design

Marvellous marbling- Year 1 are going to explore using marbling inks to create their very own dragon eggs! We will also be exploring using different brushes and sponges and experiment with making secondary colours.

How you can help

Please read with your child on a regular basis- this can be a schoolbook or one from home. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please practise the weekly spellings activities that are set for your child. Mrs Bloore will share additional information about this. Thank you for your continued support!