

English

This half term, we will be exploring stories with familiar settings. Our lessons will include writing setting descriptions and character descriptions, learning how to write a letter from one character to another and writing a diary entry from the character's point of view. We will also be looking at writing instructions! We will be learning how to write instructions for wearing a happy hat and also how to make our own pizzas! In our reading lessons we will also explore and read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and learn how to answer a range of questions using the text to support our answers. We will be focusing on the texts 'Big Bad Owl', 'Gorilla' and 'The Mystery of the Missing Cake' in our English lessons.

Grammar

We will consolidate our understanding of using capital letters and full stops accurately in our sentences. We will also be learning the difference between a noun and a proper noun, how to use exclamation marks and question marks effectively, how to use commas for a list and using adjectives to form expanded noun phrases.

Spellings / Phonics

We will be learning and exploring a range of alternative graphemes. In addition, we will be focusing on common exception words. Our spellings will be focused on the alternative graphemes we explore in class as well as a recapping a range of Year 1 and 2 tricky words.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on number, place value and addition and subtraction. We will practise the skill of counting forwards and backwards across a hundred square, identify tens and ones within 100 using resources to help us and use place value charts to recognise the value of 2-digit numbers. We will also be learning our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, related facts and fact families. We will also explore the 2-, 5- and 10-times table and look at how to add and subtract numbers using a variety of resources to help us. The children will learn to apply their skills to problem solving and reasoning questions.

Computing

Our topic for this half term is 'Online Buddies' We will begin with consolidating our understanding of e-safety and how to stay safe online. Then, we will learn how we can safely use technology to communicate, who we should communicate with online and how we can communicate positively.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education & Resiliency

This half term our topic is Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing: Friendships

We will discuss what makes a good friend and how to show we care, understand how others can feel if they are excluded from friendships and recognise when someone needs a friend and to describe ways to overcome friendship problems. We will also focus on the 7 Cs of resiliency starting with 'competence' and how we can successfully achieve.

Religious Education

Our topic for this half term is: 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?' We will explore what is precious to Jewish people, what a mezuzah reminds Jewish people about, how and why Jewish people celebrate Shabbat every week and what the story of Chanukah makes us think about.

Science

In Science, we will be studying plants and living things and their habitats. We will begin by looking at seeds and bulbs and how they are different. We will plant bulbs and investigate what they need to grow into healthy plants. We will then focus on the word 'habitat' and what this means. We will explore different habitats and how they are suitable for the creatures that live there.

Enrichment

National Poetry Day focus on Michael Rosen's 'Hand on the bridge' poem!

Explore the forest habitat for science!

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is to study contrasting UK localities. We will be able to name, locate and identify Liverpool and Grasmere using a variety of maps and identify and label key landmarks in both Liverpool and Grasmere. We will make comparisons related to human and physical geography and will be able to use 2 figure grid references.

Music

Our topic on Charanga will be 'Hands, feet, heart' by Joanna Mangona. We will be learning to sing the song together as a class, carry out musical activities related to the song such as understanding the rhythm and beat, and performing the song as a group to another class.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

In addition to our own Spanish lessons, we will have a specialist teacher who comes in to teach the children. Our topic for this half term is 'Self, family and friends.' Children will learn how to greet others in Spanish, say their name, age and where they live by responding to and asking questions. They will also be able to name their family members.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focusing on basketball and gymnastics. In basketball, we will be learning how to dribble the ball, play as a defender and an attacker and develop our chest passing skills. In gymnastics, we will learn how to carry out individual and partner balances, how to safely carry out different rolls, and how to perform a sequence of movements using equipment.

PE days: Wednesday and Friday

Art

In Art, we will be studying the artist Van Gogh. We will be learning how to use different pencils to create different techniques, studying the techniques used in Gogh's work, and creating our own final piece in the style of Van Gogh.