

Science

Our new Science topic is Properties and Changes of Materials. We will be learning about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and investigating irreversible changes. During the lessons, we will be working scientifically to sort and classify objects according to their properties, explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes.

English

We will be learning, re-telling and writing the story of the Trojan Horse. The children will also be taking part in a class discussion about the role of Paris within the story before writing a balanced argument. Reading lessons will continue to develop the six key skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising) through whole class reading sessions. Spelling lessons will also continue, working through year five spelling patterns.

RE

In RE, we will be looking at Incarnation in Christianity and exploring the question 'was Jesus the Messiah?' In order to archive this outcome, we will be looking at biblical texts in depth, whilst using technical terms. We will also be explaining the connections between these and incarnation. Additionally, the children will look at how Christians put their beliefs of Jesus' incarnation into practice. At a deeper level they will weight up the importance of Jesus being the Messiah and it's impact on the world today.

Introduction to our topic:

To immerse ourselves in our learning; we will have an afternoon of activities based around the children learning more about Greece - it's culture, music, food and key places of interest.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe. This includes weighing up risks, learning about habits (including drugs and alcohol), and learning to say no to dares and how to protect ourselves online.

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Music

This term we will be continuing with the Charanga Music Scheme, focusing on pop ballads. We will be rehearsing a modern pop ballad together and then perform to other children in school.

PE

One part of PE this term is Volleyball, where we will focus on developing the skills they need to play continuous rallies (the ready position, ball control, sending a ball over a net) and how to use these skills to make the game difficult for their opponent. Some children will continue with swimming lessons, whilst others will be practising Yoga, learning about mindfulness, body awareness and yoga poses.

Geography

The main driver behind our Greece unit is geography. We will be exploring its location as well as its human and physical features, We will also have the opportunity compare Athens with London and look at how the geography of Greece has changed over time.

Maths

In Maths, we will spend the term focusing on the methods for long multiplication, short division. We will be learning how to multiple fractions by whole numbers and finding fractions of amounts. We will also continue to practice our arithmetic skills to ensure our methods are secure.

Computing

In Computing, we will be starting with our E-Safety unit. This will focus on creating strong passwords, understanding different types of online communication, cyber bullying and how technology can affect our mental health both positively and negatively.

Design & Technology

Our D&T focus for this term is all about food. We will be using first hand and secondary sources to carry out relevant research into existing products to include personal/cultural preferences, ensuring a healthy diet and the availability of locally sourced/seasonal/organic ingredients. We will then move onto making our own products using our new knowledge.