

English

This half-term, our written work will focus on a range of engaging fables. The children will develop their writing skills through carefully structured lessons that support planning, drafting and editing. They will be writing their own fables inspired by *The Koala Who Could*, *The Lion Inside* and *The Squirrels Who Squabbled* by Rachel Bright. In grammar lessons, we will be learning how to use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, as well as exploring prepositions and prepositional phrases. These skills will help the children to create more detailed, varied and accurate sentences in their writing. We will also be starting *Iron Man* as our new class novel.



Maths

This half-term, the children will finish their work on multiplication before moving on to division, including problems with and without remainders. They will use practical equipment and real-life examples to help them understand how division links to multiplication and to build confidence with these important skills. The children will then begin a unit on length and perimeter. They will practise measuring accurately using millimetres, centimetres and metres, and learn how to compare and convert between different units of measurement. They will also add and subtract lengths before using these skills to measure and calculate perimeter. This work will help the children apply their maths to everyday situations and develop their problem-solving skills.



Science

This half-term, our science topic is Rocks and Soils. The children will take part in practical investigations, using magnifying glasses to closely observe a range of rocks and describe their appearance and properties. They will learn how to group rocks based on characteristics such as absorbency, hardness and how they react to acid rain. The children will also explore how fossils are formed and learn about the work of a palaeontologist. As part of the topic, they will name, describe and compare different types of soil, considering where they are found and what they are used for. Finally, the children will learn about the important role of earthworms and how they help to keep soil healthy.



P.E

In PE this term, the children will be learning how to play hockey. They will learn how to travel with the ball, strike, and keep possession. They will also have one dance lesson per week where they will learn appropriate dance vocabulary and improvise a dance with a partner.



Computing

Year 3 will use Chromebooks to learn how to email. They will learn how to log in and out of email, send and edit a simple email and how to add an attachment.



French

This half-term we will continue to learn French through song and games. We will use all four pillars of language—listening, speaking, reading and writing. Our focus will be on French playground games. We will learn numbers and how to give our age in French and we will continue our work on the verb 'avoir'.



PSHCE

We will begin the half-term by completing an anti-bullying unit and considering the difference between a disagreement and bullying. We will then learn about citizenship, diversity and communities. We will discuss the importance of a diverse community and how we can address problems of stereotyping.



Music

We will be developing our musical skills by learning to play the ocarina in their music lessons. They will explore pitch, dynamics and tempo while building confidence as performers and learning to play together. The children will also be composing a winter-themed piece in groups, structured in an ABA form, using a range of musical ideas and sounds to create contrast and interest within their music.



R.E

Our topic is 'Living Hindu traditions'. Our big question is: How do Hindus show their devotion? We will study stories about Ganesha and learn about his parents, Parvati and Shiva. We will then think about the Puja ceremony. We will visit the Bharat Hindu Samaj after half-term.



History

Our history topic is The Indus Valley, and our big question is: *How do we know about the Indus Valley civilisation?* We will focus on the cities of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, learning about their use of bricks, buildings, public baths, bathrooms and advanced drainage systems. This will help the children understand why the Indus Valley civilisation was so advanced for its time and how we know about it today.



Geography

Our topic is 'Settlements and Cities' and our big question is: How are settlements similar and different? We will study settlement types including hamlets, villages, towns and cities. We will then learn about Cardiff, London and the London boroughs.



Art

This half-term, we will be learning about the artists Claude Monet and Georgia O'Keeffe. The children will explore their styles and techniques before using watercolours to paint still life objects, leading up to creating their own paintings of lilies and waterlilies inspired by these artists.



D.T

This half term, we will be working with seasonal foods. We will learn where different foods are grown and imported from, as well as learning about British seasonal foods. We will then design and make a tart, using our knowledge of a balanced diet.

