Class 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Science

We will be learning about light; that it travels in straight lines; that darkness is the absence of light; that some sources emit their own light and some reflect light; and about opaque, translucent and transparent materials. The children will also do an investigation about shadows. After half term, we will learn about food and digestion, including food chains, food webs and ecosystems; different types of teeth; herbivores, carnivores and omnivores; and the processes of digestion.

Religion and Worldviews

We begin the term by exploring the Christian stories of Creation and the Fall, learning where these fit within the Bible's 'Big Story'. Pupils will consider what Christians believe about God, the world and humanity, and explore how these beliefs influence the way many Christians care for creation and our world today. Later in the term, we will learn about Jewish family life and festivals, exploring the significance of Shabbat and celebrations such as Rosh Hashanah. Children will reflect on how beliefs, traditions and values are expressed through worship, family life and community.

Computing

The children will be learning about computer networks by learning how devices communicate and share information. Then they will be learning about data handling: comparison card databases, exploring the concepts of sorting and filtering, by learning about records, fields and data.

English

We will start by exploring The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan, a thought-provoking and visually rich picture book that encourages children to look beyond the ordinary. Using the Write Stuff approach by Jane Considine, children will develop their writing through imaginative descriptions, characterisation and narrative techniques, inspired by the mysterious world of the story. Through discussion, creative responses and carefully crafted writing tasks, pupils will build their confidence as writers while exploring themes of belonging, curiosity and empathy.

Maths

Children will build their understanding of place value, learning to recognise the value of digits and use this knowledge to compare and order numbers. They will also develop their skills in addition and subtraction, solving calculations and applying their learning to problem-solving and real-life contexts. **How can we help at home?** practise number bonds, discuss the value of digits in numbers and encourage children to explain their methods when calculating.

Geography

We will be learning about Europe and tourism, exploring the spectacular mountain landscapes of the Alps and the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Pupils will compare these regions with our own local area, including the North Cornwall coast, and investigate how tourism can bring both benefits and challenges to the places people visit, live and work.

Art

Our art unit explores mythology through the work of artists from different eras, including Claude Monet, Edward Burne-Jones and David Hockney. Pupils will investigate how myths and legends have been represented in art before creating their own mixed-media artwork inspired by the story of King Arthur, bringing this legendary tale to life.

PSHE

Our first unit this term is Me and My Relationships. We will explore healthy and positive relationships, learn how to work collaboratively and discuss how to manage different feelings and emotions working together respectfully. Later, in Valuing Difference, we will celebrate diversity and individuality, considering how we can show respect, kindness and acceptance towards others.

Music

We will start by creating compositions, in response to animation, with the theme of mountains; learning to tell stories through music. Then, we will learn about Rock and Roll; it's origins and features; and to be able to play a piece of rock and roll music.

PE

The children will be doing outdoor adventurous challenges and invasion games, followed by dance and basketball after half term.

French

This term, we will be learning to talk about ourselves in French. Pupils will practise introducing themselves, saying where they live and holding simple conversations. We will also learn how to express opinions about different school subjects, helping to build confidence in speaking and understanding French.

DT

We will focus on food and nutrition as pupils become soup chefs. We will investigate flavour by evaluating different soups before learning how herbs, spices and vegetables can be combined to create healthy, delicious recipes. They will then design and make their own soups, developing practical cooking skills and confidence in the kitchen.

History

We will be learning about the fascinating civilisation of Ancient Greece, exploring how people lived in powerful city-states such as Athens and Sparta. Pupils will discover the remarkable achievements of the Ancient Greeks, including their ideas about democracy, the Olympic Games and philosophy, and investigate how these enduring contributions continue to influence our lives today.