

English

Our first focus text is Warhorse. After half term, children will explore The Windrush Child as part of our focus on Black History and a biographical unit on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Children will read a range of texts from a variety of genres. We will discuss the intended audience, genre and the purpose. We will use this as well as our analysis of good examples of work to inform our own writing. Pupils will continue to develop their editing ability.

As part of the writing process, children will produce diary entries, newspaper articles, letters, poems and information leaflets.

During guided reading sessions, pupils will be asked a variety of questions to develop their inference and comprehension skills. Reading fluency will also be developed in these sessions.



Religious Education

We will be finding out about the structure of the Bible this half term. Pupils will be able to locate Bible references efficiently and have a better idea of the people who wrote the Bible. We will find out about the followers of Christ: how Jesus called them and how we still have vocations today. We will discuss a range of prayers from our faith (and some prayer customs from other faiths), write our own version of a Psalm and understand how Mass is the most important prayer. We will spend a while thinking about the importance of Advent - in particular the O Antiphons.



Science

In Science we will be studying living things in their habitats. This will involve the children classifying organisms according to their features. They will learn about influential scientists in this area.

The children will also learn about light: shadow; reflection and refraction; how we see; angles of reflection and also make functioning periscopes



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Computing

Pupils will gain an understanding of spreadsheets and how they can be used. They will learn skills in formatting and entering specific formulae. The children will investigate skills to solve specific problems. They will experiment using number calculations, sports league tables, test scores, and budget planning



Art

The children will look at ways to express their personalities by transforming their names into graffiti. They will look at the work of Kathe Kollwitz and Picasso (focusing on 'Guernica') and will create clay sculptures based on the work of Kollwitz.



Maths

We have started this year by recapping some key number skills including place value and working with numbers up to 10 million. We will be embedding efficient and effective written methods of calculation for the four main operations. The children will be working on solving problems involving fractions: finding fractions of numbers; simplifying fractions; comparing fractions; adding and subtracting fractions; multiplying and dividing fractions. Towards the end of the half term, we will be plotting coordinates and working on reflecting and translating shapes in different quadrants.



PE

In dance, pupils will focus on developing an idea or theme into dance choreography. They will work in pairs and groups using different choreographing tools to create dances e.g. formations, timing, dynamics. In Tag Rugby, pupils will develop key skills and principles such as defending, attacking, throwing, catching, running and dodging. Later in the term, we will be improving our skills in basketball and gymnastics.



Homework and spellings will be given out on Friday and is due back the following Friday. PE lessons take place on Mondays and Fridays. Children need their reading record signed and in school on Fridays.

Topic

In History, children will learn when and why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved. They will discover all about evacuation; food rationing; the role of women and the Holocaust.

In Geography, children will first find out about the contrasting regions of the Americas including the climate, landscape and locations. They will research the natural wonders of the world and create presentations to showcase their learning.

