

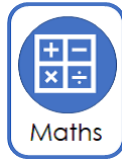


English

This half-term we are reading *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton.

We are also using the science fiction tale *Welcome To Alien Inn* by B.R. Haines to inspire us to write our own stories in the third person. We will be looking at how similes and three clause sentences can help create vivid pictures in the readers' minds.

We will also be using speech marks to show when our characters are speaking.



Maths

In maths, we are learning to measure in mm and cm and converting between both units.

We will also be revising how to tell the time and to calculate different durations of time.



Geography

In geography, we are learning about agriculture in the UK. We will be answering questions like How does farming change the landscape? and How do our food needs affect farming in the UK?

We will learn terms such as pastoral, arable and mixed farming and locate where these different types of farms are in the UK.



P.E.

In Physical Education, the children are learning to play Basketball. They will practise different techniques for passing and shooting as well as learning to turn and stop with speed.



R.E.

In R.E. we are learning about Buddhism. We will explore what Buddha teaches us about life on Earth. We will also read some well-known buddhist stories such as the story Siddartha and the Monkey King.



Music

Using body percussing to explore rhythm, and formal notation, the children will create 2 - 4 bars of rhythm. Exploring music staves they will turn their rhythms into tunes played on chime bars. They will also explore key characteristics and music elements in a range of music genres from a variety of cultures.



Science

In Science, we are learning about how the animal kingdom adapts to its habitats. We will look more closely at some examples such as polar bears in the arctic, lions in the sahara and whales in the ocean.



History

In History, we are learning about Ancient Persia and Ancient Greece. We will examine how the empires began and how they were ruled. We will also become familiar with many of the Greek gods and goddesses as well as the key events in the Greek and Persian wars.



PSHE

In PSHE, we are learning about hygiene and preventing illnesses. We will be looking at how to look after our mental health as well as the importance of friends.

Note to parents: It is important that your child arrives at school on time between 8:30am and 8:45am. Reading lessons begin at 8:45am.