

This half term in ENGLISH, our 'Book as a Hook' is Spyder. We will be focusing on a number of genres including non-chronological reports, recounts and character descriptions to develop our writing, reading and speaking and listening skills. Our poetry focus for this half term is 'I'd like to squeeze' by John Agard. We will learn to use a range of punctuation and grammar including capital letters, full-stops and finger spaces to develop our writing. We will also be focusing on developing our handwriting style ensuring our letters are formed correctly.

Please note that your child will take the statutory Phonics Screening Check in June 2024. More information about this will follow in due course.

Our RE topic this half term is focuses on the question: 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?' We will think about special gifts, learn the Christmas story and look at the special gifts Jesus received and understand that Jesus was God's gift to the world. We will think of others during this time of year and create Christmas shoeboxes for the Samaritans.

Our PESSPA lessons this half term will focus on gymnastics. We will learn a range of movements: balances, rolls, jumps and different ways of travelling. We will put movements together to create sequences on the floor and using apparatus.

In DESIGN TECHNOLOGY we will be creating a free standing structure of a windmill. We will design, create and evaluate our structures. We will be exploring different ways to make our designs stronger, stiffer and more stable.

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Our PSHE topic is: Keeping Safe. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy and safe, learn about Stanger Danger and the NSPCC Pant rule.

In COMPUTING, our topic is Lego Builders. We will be learning the foundations of coding by following and giving instructions. We will also continue to practise logging in and out of Purple Mash and Numbots.

In HISTORY, our topic of significant events continues. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London, World War One and The Gunpowder Plot. We will be learning the chronological order of what happened during each key event and also how these events have had a lasting impact upon society.

In MATHS this half term we will continue our work on addition and subtraction to 10. We will also start our 'shape' topic where we will learn about a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

Personal Development:

- Daily PESSPA sessions - Target games to develop throwing for accuracy.
- Handwriting - We will be developing our letter formation ensuring our letters start and end in the correct place.
- Nativity - we will perform in the KSI Nativity on 7th December.

Our SCIENCE topic this term is: Everyday Materials. We will learn to:

- Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

In GEOGRAPHY we will be learning about how we use globes, maps, satellites and a compass rose to help us map the world. We will also be learning about the United Kingdom, focusing on each of the four countries, learning about the capital cities, flags and surrounding seas. We will also focus on Leigh and London to help us compare and contrast the geographical features of a town and city.