

What are we learning about this half term?

In **Literacy**, the Key Stage 1 children will start the half term as they ended the last one with some fun writing riddles. For their non-fiction topic, the children will study dinosaurs in order to create their own non-chronological reports. After that, we will share the stories of Oliver Jeffers, including *Lost and Found* and *The Way Back Home*. They will then use their imaginations to write their very own adventure stories. The Reception children will continue their 'Drawing Club' work. We are moving on to gently encourage the children to write short phrases / sentences linked to the chosen text.

In **History**, we are learning about the role that monarchs played in creating Great Britain as we explore the life and reigns of Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. The children will compare and contrast their life as queen, whilst increasing their understanding of the current royal family Windsor.

In **Science** this term, we are studying 'materials and their properties.' We will explore the properties of objects in relation to the material(s) that they are made of, then investigate how those materials can be altered, changed or improved for a particular purpose. Year 2 children will collect data and present their findings in a variety of ways.

In **Maths**, the Reception children will investigate what sharing is and describe equal sharing as fair and unequal sharing as unfair. After sharing the children move on to grouping; to divide a set by placing a given number of objects in each group and investigate how many groups they will require. Finally the Reception children will work on recognising and continuing repeating patterns, describing position and giving instructions to navigate around courses and maps. The Year One children will be learning to recognise coins and notes for their work with money. They will learn to make the same amount or total using different coins to add and subtract to give change. After this, they will study time related to days of the week, months of the year and tell the time to 'O'clock' and 'half past.' The Year 2s will firstly look at statistics, gathering and interpreting data using pictograms. This will be incorporated into their science learning too. Their final unit of study involves describing position using whole, half and quarter turns. A very tricky concept!

Our **P.E** focus this term is game skills using Kwik Cricket. The children will learn underarm and overarm throwing, then striking a ball using a bat before moving onto the game itself.

In **DT**, the children will be learning about the importance of a balanced diet, and correct food hygiene. They will research and test dips then plan their own food product to impress consumers. This sounds like good, messy, but delicious fun!

In **R.E**, all children will be using the focus of: 'Caring for others.' They will use stories from the bible including *The Good Samaritan*, the example of Mother Teresa, and tales of the prophet Mohammed from the Qur'an to learn about how religions of the world show people the importance of caring for others.

In **Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)**, the focus is 'our bodies - the Reception children will focus on: Bodies, Respecting my body, Growing up, Growth and change, Fun and fears and Celebrations. The Key Stage One children will learn about: Life cycles in nature, Growing from young to old, Increasing independence, Differences in female and male bodies (correct terminology), Assertiveness and Preparing for transition.

In **Music**, all children will continue to practise for the whole school production.

As **French** linguists we will be learning about France as a country and Paris in particular. We will be learning associated vocabulary with a particular focus on modes of transport.