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English

The focus in English will be on fairy tales. We will be looking at a variety of well-known stories and thinking about the description within them. The children will be writing their own alternative versions of the stories as well as learning about the features of fantasy writing. Our work on fairy tales will be consolidated by a further trip to Strawberry Hill House early on in the term. Following on from this we will be studying stories linked to the seaside and fantasy worlds.



An emphasis on basic grammar and punctuation will be on going.

Our phonics work will focus on alternative ways to spell different sounds, decoding alien (nonsense) words and high frequency words in preparation for the national phonics assessment in the summer term.

Maths



This term we will be revisiting place value, partitioning and ordering numbers to 100, and data handling. We will be revising what the children have already learnt about fractions and using this knowledge to develop understanding of halves of amounts.

We will continue addition and subtraction with a focus on mental calculation strategies and number lines.

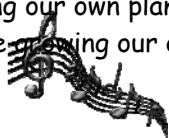
The children will be learning how to group objects and they will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s while looking for patterns in numbers. We will be learning about capacity, weight and money and will be reinforcing the work we have done on 2D and 3D shapes.



Science

This term our topics in science will be investigating magnetism and plants.

We shall be looking at the properties of magnets and their uses and their relationship to various materials. We will be conducting a number of investigations into the strength of magnets and we will be growing our own plants at school. As well as this we will investigate what plants need to grow and we will be growing our own plants.



Music

The focus will be on exploring sounds and pitch. The work will develop the children's ability to identify different sounds and to change and use sounds expressively in response to a stimulus.

Computing and D&T

In DT we will be thinking about healthy eating when designing fruit salads! The children will also be filming the steps of a recipe as part of our work on instructions and videoing in computing.

RE

We will be thinking about the story of Noah and how God made the world. We will look at the world around us. We will begin by talking about places that are special to us and will learn about the creation story. We will consider how we can make our world a better place by looking after it.



During the second half of the term we will be discussing 'Big Questions about our world'.



History/Geography

Our focus will be on the seaside. Children will learn about how summer holidays have changed throughout time.

We will look at human and physical features of a British seaside as well as learning how to stay safe by the sea. Our work on this topic will culminate in a trip to the seaside!

- * We would really appreciate any kind donations of class tissue boxes and glue sticks to help us through the summer term.
- * Please continue to regularly practise reading and spellings at home to encourage the children's progress.
- * Thank you for your continued support, we are looking forward to the summer term ahead.