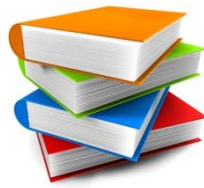


Autumn Second Half-Term



Squirrels - Mrs Ruddick

ENGLISH

Our English texts this half term will focus on stories in familiar settings and traditional poetry. Within these units the children will learn to plan and write stories, then evaluate the quality of their writing, improving it when possible. They will learn to punctuate sentences with question marks and exclamation marks as well as ensuring they punctuate all writing correctly. The children will use the conjunctions, *and*, *or*, *but* and *so* to join sentences. The focus of reading this half term will be on becoming accurate and fluent readers. They will continue to learn how to respond to texts with guidance, especially when finding evidence in the book to support their views. Spellings will cover the soft *c* sound (*c* before *i*, *e*, *y*), the silent letters *kn*, *gn* and *wr*, adding *y* to an *e* ending word and adding the suffixes, *ed*, *er*, *est* to *e* and *y* ending words

MATHEMATICS

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Number and place value.
- Problem solving.
- Reasoning and algebra.
- Mental addition and subtraction.
- Geometry: position and direction.
- Measurement.
- Mental multiplication and division.

SCIENCE – Animals including Humans

This half term the children will be continuing to learn about the basic needs of animals for survival. They will be able to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. Alongside this they will consider how helpful medicines are but also how dangerous they can be.

Geography

The children will be continuing to learn about life in the Indian village of Chembakolli and comparing it to our own. They will use globes, atlases and maps to locate places around the world. They will identify main physical features of maps and make one of their own.

Design and Technology

The children will be planning, making and evaluating a winding mechanism, which will be linked to our learning in Geography and the environment.

MUSIC

The children will be learning to express their feelings and thoughts about the music they have listened to as well as the art they have seen and created. They will be learning to sing musically and in tune whilst preparing for the Christmas Nativity.

COMPUTING

We will continue to learn to understand simple algorithms. We will be using the internet to find information and learning how to stay safe whilst using the internet. The children will discover how to record, edit and present information in word reports, power points and digital animations. They will also be learning to use Google Maps.

RE

Our question for this half term is *Why is Jesus Special to Christians?*

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

During this half term we will learn how to become good friends by understanding that people don't always see things in the same way and they do so it is important to respect differences. They will be taught some strategies to help them cope when they become overwhelmed by their feelings. The children will discover the importance of being able to work as part of a team and have strategies to help them do that.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Multi Skills & Gymnastics– the children will be learning to coordinate and control their bodies and the equipment used to play games. They will learn to link gymnastic movements and balances in a sequence.

PE KIT IS REQUIRED EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY. (PLAIN WHITE OR GREEN T-SHIRT, PLAIN DARK SHORTS AND TRAINERS OR PLIMSOLLS)

Homework will be given out on Friday to be returned on Wednesday. It generally takes the form of English or Mathematics.

Spellings will be given out on Friday to be learned for the following Friday.

- Please could you make an effort to hear your child read as frequently as possible as it will greatly benefit your child's progress.
- Please ensure your child bring a water container to school each day filled with fresh water.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me. (After School is usually best)

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Ruddick