

Numeracy

In maths this half-term, we are going to return to place value and the formal methods for calculation. Children's learning will be consolidated and extended as we improve our problem solving skills by applying our understanding of these concepts to problems which require the children to investigate to work out the answer. We will also work on the children's ability to justify their answer by improving how they are able to explain their reasoning. Towards the end of the half-term, we will revisit Roman Numerals and children will be taught to read and write Roman Numerals to 100.

In class, we are going to put a focus on learning the times tables as this is an essential skill for children. To help the children learn their times tables, they will be sent times tables work home with their homework.

Art

In art, we will learn how to draw portraits. We will learn about the proportions of the face and techniques for drawing the different features of the face. After practicing with pictures of famous inventors linked to our communication topic, we will finally create our own portraits from a picture.

French

Pupils will continue to have the fantastic opportunity to learn French with our specialist French teacher, every Tuesday.

P.E.

Pupils will P.E. on Thursday with Claudine. Our foci in PE this half term are line-dancing and boxercise.

Music

The pupils will be learning to play the recorders with a specialist music teacher from Tower Hamlets.

Literacy

Our book this half term is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We will be focusing on improving the children's descriptive writing. Children will not only read the 'Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, but will read descriptions from a wide variety of authors so that they can build a rich back of vocabulary and ideas.

In spelling, punctuation and a grammar lessons, the children will learn how to use noun phrases to add description before and after the noun. They will also learn about clauses by learning to understand the different types of clauses and how to create complex sentences.

When we have finished our fiction writing with the 'Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', we will begin work on newspapers. Children will learn about the features of a newspaper and how to write with a formal tone.

R.E.

Our topic for the term is 'The Fragile World'. As a class we will discuss the impact of our actions on the world around us by looking at our impact on the local and global environment and our relationships with people around us. We will explore how we can work to create a better world for ourselves and others.

Science

In science, our topic is 'Sound'. In this topic, we will learn that sounds are vibrations which travel through a medium to our ear, we will use log boxes to record sound in decibels, conduct a fair test to see if distance changes volume, investigate pitch by carrying out some pattern seeking to see how sound is made higher or lower.

Humanities

In humanities, our topic is 'Communication'. In this topic we will research the different methods of communication which humans have used over the years and compare these to see how life has changed. We will also research the life of the famous inventor Alexander Graham Bell. For history, children will work towards creating an informative leaflet about all the methods of communication.

In geography, children will use mapping tools to follow the route of a letter sent to other countries and calculate how long it takes for that letter to reach the destination.



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Term: Autumn 2

Topic: Communication

Class: Year 4

Class Teacher: Mr Shannon

Children will need to have their P.E kits in school for Thursday and bring their book bags in each day.
Homework will go out on Thursdays and come back on Tuesdays.

Regards,
Mr Shannon

