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Spring Term

What will we be learning?

This year we are following Cycle A. This means that we have an embedded theme of Once Upon a Time throughout the year and we will be focusing on our topic titled '**United Kingdom**'.

Here is an overview of all of the exciting things we will be learning this term –

English in the Spring Term

I have chosen lots of exciting texts to share that link to our theme that will provide inspiration for spoken language and writing opportunities. Our first text is going to be The Three Little Pigs. This is a classic fairy tale that we are going to retell with an alternative ending.

You will also have the opportunity to write about mythical creatures that appear in our chosen texts: The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster and Margaret's Unicorn.

I can't wait to see what you produce!

After half term, we will have lots of opportunities to develop our spoken English. We will also read texts linked to the Great Fire of London and write a setting description and diary entry.

On 6th March it is World Book Day, I cannot wait to share some of my favourite books with you all and discover what your favourite books are. We will have a fun day dressing up and searching for scarecrow characters.

Maths in the Spring Term

Our focus for this term is going to be addition and subtraction. We will explore a range of strategies to solve calculations and work with different concrete resources. We will solve problems with a particular focus on money, you will be asked to find change and totals using different coins; opportunities for this will be led through practical activities in the role play area which will be set up as a bakery.

Please remember that you have a login for Numbots which supports mathematics in Key Stage One, I have found that is an enjoyable game that improves quick recall of number bonds. Please use number bonds at home as knowing number bonds fluently up to ten is one of the foundations to more complex arithmetic.

Towards the end of term, we will then apply our knowledge when focusing on multiplication and division facts.

Science in the Spring Term

Our science topic, for the first half term, will be investigating the properties of materials. We will think about what makes materials different and how we can organise them. We will investigate and test materials to discover if they are magnetic, transparent, strong and waterproof. You will then have the opportunity to select the best materials to construct a house for the three little pigs which will have to pass a series of tests.

Our next topic later in the term focuses on plants, we will investigate and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Opportunities will be provided to grow plants and vegetables within the school grounds.

As part of an ongoing science observation, we will record the daily weather and any seasonal changes, we will use this data to compare different months and seasons throughout the year.

PE in the Spring Term

Our PE days are a Tuesday and Wednesday and we will be focusing on dance skills and developing skills in ball games. Tuesday's lessons will be taught by Miss Morgan and the children will be playing three touch ball. On a Wednesday we will be supported by a skilled coach during dance lessons. Please make sure you come to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. Having items of school clothing named will be beneficial to all, as important learning time can sometimes be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child! This will hopefully avoid you coming home without the correct clothing. I will keep a box for any lost property found in Class 2 so please ask if you are missing anything.

History in the Spring Term

In history we will learn about the Great Fire of London and the impact it had on London and the people living there. We will learn about Samuel Pepys and why he is a significant person from the past. We will find out about the Great Fire of Gateshead and make comparisons to the Great Fire of London. The fire brigade will visit us in school and answer our questions about fire safety.

Geography in Spring Term

In geography we will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will use an atlas to locate the surrounding seas and oceans, countries and their capital cities. We will think about settlements within the UK, weather, flags, symbols and traditions.

Art in Spring Term

In art each you will be given the opportunity to design and construct a Tudor house for our 'Pudding Lane' re-enactment, this project provides the opportunity to explore architecture. We start with an exploration of architects and some of the ways they work, we then go on to create an architectural model using recycled material to construct houses. I cannot wait to see your finished pieces! Later in the term we will investigate tone using charcoal in the style of Dennis Creffield.

DT in Spring Term

In Design and Technology you will design and construct a model fire engine which uses axles and wheels to move. We will have lots of fun racing our models!

Computing in Spring Term

Our online safety topics this term are 'Managing Online Safety' and 'Online Bullying'. You will focus on how to keep yourself and others safe online by thinking about what information needs to be kept private. We will celebrate Internet Safety Day in February. Following this, your Purple Mash unit will be an introduction to coding.

On a Wednesday Miss Forth will teach RE, Spanish and Music.

RE in Spring Term

In RE we will be thinking about why Jesus is important to Christians and the Easter Story. We will visit St Peter's Church in our village for a christening.

Spanish in Spring Term

In Spanish we will learn vocabulary for animals in the jungle and in the sea.

Music in Spring Term

In music we will introduce tempo. Later in the term we will combine pulse, rhythm and pitch.

I am really looking forward to this term and all of the exciting opportunities we have to look forward to! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Bradwell 😊