

English

We will be continuing with our Beloved Book The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells and teaching the children how to develop their descriptive writing to capture a character's personality and the setting in which the action takes place. We will also be teaching the children how to use paragraphs so they can structure their writing clearly

Our Termly Value

Our value this term is Justice. We hear children a lot claiming "That's not fair!" Studying justice helps us figure out and discuss what is right and what is wrong. When justice is working, everyone feels like they are being treated fairly. Justice is important to explore with young children as it helps them make sure that people are treated fairly, that everyone is given the same chance to succeed and it makes the world a better place for more people. We teach children that justice is not just something 'out there' but something you can practise every day.

PSHE

Term 3's Jigsaw unit is called Dreams and Goals, and children will learn to recognise obstacles which might hinder their achievements and learn some steps they can take to overcome them. They will also learn to manage the feelings of frustration that may arise when obstacles occur.

Music

Our third Charanga unit, the children will develop their music reading skills by working in groups to put instrumental parts to the gospel song *Let Your Spirits Fly*. If your child plays an instrument, do let us know so we can celebrate their skill.

Science

We will become geologists this term in one of the children's favourite topics in year 3 -exploring what is beneath them and investigating rocks, fossils and soil. They will learn how to identify and sort rocks based on their appearance and physical properties as well as describe simply how fossils are formed - a big hit with our budding historians as well as our future scientists! Who knew rocks could be so fascinating?

Extreme Earth

Key facts to be learnt at home

* Celebrating difference is important as it helps people feel good about themselves, their families, their communities, and also exposes us to things that are unfamiliar and experiences beyond our immediate life. This helps us to be more understanding, appreciative, tolerant and accepting of difference which is key for a more harmonious future.

**There are 3 types of rock: Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic.

*** Fossils are formed when a plant or animal dies and sediment build over the top of it over time and hardens into rock

WOW Day

Thursday 14th January 2021

We are going to be geologists For the day so the children can wear their own comfy clothes.



RE & World Views

Our Question to explore this term is what do different people believe about God?

We will be learning about, understanding and celebrating Chinese New Year which this year falls on Friday 12th February as we have families in our school of Chinese descent and we feel it is important to recognise and celebrate this.

PE

Our Swift Sports Coaching team will be taking the children when we have our PPA time and this term they are following a games unit called Creative Games where the children make up and play their own small sided games where they have to work with others and show resilient when learning new skills and games.

Mathematics

This term we will be ordering, comparing and adding fractions with the same denominator. Building on their knowledge of time by telling time to the nearest minute and learning how many seconds are in a minute and days in a month.

Computing

Data can be presented in different ways both off and online and it is important that young children understand how to gather, create and interpret data online. The children will be able to apply a wide range of their mathematical skills in this unit as they respond to existing data bases as well as add to and develop their own branching data bases using software.

Design Technology

This term we will be making our own plaster of paris fossils by selecting from a wider range of tools and materials to perform practical tasks.

Art

In our second art unit we will be developing our collage skills by investigating and responding to the work of Paul Klee, Henri Matisse and Victor Casarely. The children will investigate positive and negative images and contribute to a group final piece.

Geography

This term we will be developing our skills and understanding of some physical geography such as how and why we have natural phenomena such as floods, volcano eruptions and earthquakes. We will explore where and when they occur and how people react before, during and after the events.