

History and Geography

We will continue to learn about WW2. Children will learn about being evacuated and about rationing; why these were necessary and the impact they had on lives. We will investigate the experiences of Jewish children during the war and why the war created refugees.

In the second half-term, we will study 'Rainforests'. The children will discover where the rainforests are, what they are like, who lives in rainforests, why they are under threat and what we can do to help save the rainforests.

R.E

During R.E. the children will consider why love is important to Christians. The aim of the topic is to make the children realise that, for Christians, Jesus' call to love is not the cue for an outpouring of sentiment but a challenge to become involved with other people in practical ways.

Music

The class will continue to learn how to play the violin.

The children will also learn the songs for our Summer production.

PE

The children will go swimming on a Tuesday afternoon.

For their other PE lesson, children will do cricket and rounders in the first half-term and athletics in the second half-term.

D.T

The children will do some cooking connected to WW2 and rationing. They will then develop their design and technology skills through designing, making and evaluating an information book on rainforests, with moving parts and if time will design, make and evaluate a poison dart frog beanbag.

Summer Term 2017

Key Stage 2



Curriculum Information

A booklet for parents

Literacy

Writing will be linked to topic. We will examine a range of genres including recounts, persuasive texts, poetry and information texts. Children will investigate spelling patterns and discover the rules themselves. This term we will focus on the words from the National Curriculum list. Once taught there is an expectation that spelling and punctuation will be applied consistently in writing. Children will be given lots of opportunities to enjoy reading and to develop their own reading preferences. During the first half-term, we will read *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo. We will complete writing activities linked to the book and the characters in it.

Numeracy

The children will continue to work on developing their mathematical skills and learning their number facts. Areas we will cover are:

- Number, place value and money
- Mental and written addition and subtraction
- Shape - quadrilaterals, angles and 3D shapes
- Mental and written multiplication and division
- Measures - capacity, area, perimeter and time
- Problem solving and explaining how they solved the problem
- Statistics- drawing and interpreting bar charts and pictograms
- Fractions and decimals

Modern Foreign Languages

This half term we will be working on a transition project with the Middle Schools based upon cartoon texts. Children will have the opportunity to increase their vocabulary and speaking and listening skills by describing and comparing characters, asking and answering questions and sequencing events.

Science

This term children will be exploring animals, including humans. We will begin by investigating skeletons, looking at different animals and how their skeletons allow them to move. Later, we will explore and describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, and identify different types of teeth and their functions. Children will also have the opportunity to construct and interpret food chains, whilst continuing to develop their scientific language and understanding.

ICT

The children will be engaged in a science fiction theme to think 'How Computers work.' They will consider how they use software for different purposes and then focus on apps on mobile phones and tablets. Using the science fiction theme the children will design an 'app' of the future. We will also use the internet to find out facts about the rainforest and use word processing skills to present a rainforest glossary.

Transition Unit

The whole class will study 'The Matchbox Diary' by Paul Fleischman. We will consider memories and moving on to a new phase in our lives.

Art

The children will continue to improve their mastery of art and design techniques and learn about great artists in history. Once we have finished our World War 2 art activities we will do art connected to the rainforest. We will look at drawing rainforest animals, make animal masks and explore the art of Henri Rousseau.