

English

In English this half term we will be reading the story 'Henry Finch' by Alexis Deacon. This story is about a flock of finches that have no thoughts, until one day Henry starts to think for himself.

The children will be writing about Henry as a character, they will write a monologue of his thoughts and feelings. The children will also explore the role of the Beast in the story and whether he is a baddie or not. The children will then go on to learn about the history of flight and write a historical report about it.

Maths

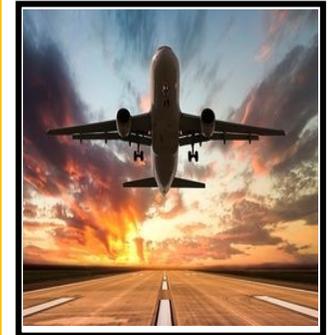
In maths this half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value and apply this to coins, making amounts with different coins. The children will learn to add and subtract two-digit numbers to/ from two- digit numbers. The children will be using concrete and pictorial resources to solve addition and subtraction problems. The children will also begin learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help your children feel confident with this and please recap number bonds to 10 and 20 at home.

Science

In science this half term we will be learning about materials. The children will be describing properties of everyday materials and using words like transparent, opaque and flexible. The children will be grouping materials based on these properties and explaining why they have done that. The children will explore how solid objects can change their shape by squashing, twisting, bending and stretching. The children will then go on to test how materials are changed when they are cooled and heated.



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History

In history this half term our unit is 'Medical Heroes'. We will be learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be learning about their achievements and how they helped people at the time. We will make comparisons between these two marvellous women. We will compare the time period they were alive to the Tudor period we learnt about last term.

Geography

In geography this half term we will be completing a study of the UK. We will begin to understand similarities and differences human and physical geography. We will be exploring islands of the UK e.g. Isle of Wight, Northern Ireland and the Orkney islands. We will compare similarities and differences between islands of the UK.



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PE: Wednesday

Homework: Comes home on Friday and returned to school on Tuesday

RE

In RE this half term the children are learning about the festival of light, Diwali. The children will be using pictures, images and artefacts to find out more about the story of Diwali and how Hindus celebrate this special festival.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term the children will be learning about how to keep safe. They will explore who to talk to if they feel unsafe and discuss safe boundaries with friends. We will also talk about how to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Suggested books to read

The Way Back Home—Oliver Jeffers
How to Catch a Star—Oliver Jeffers
Peter Pan—various versions
Little Wings: the story of Amy Johnson
Max and Bird—Ed Vere
Calvin Can't Fly—Jennifer Berne

Suggested places to visit

Natural History Museum

Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/znsct39>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/florence-nightingale>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/zjsxcqt>