

English

In English this half term we will be reading, reciting and learning about the poetry of Caribbean poets. We will explore the themes they use, particularly the sights and sounds of the Caribbean, and explore how they describe these using figurative language. We will write our own poems using similar themes and techniques.

Our second writing genre will be letters. We will examine the features of both formal and informal letter writing then write a letter to a penfriend. We will think about what would make interesting and engaging subjects for our letter.

Maths

We will be looking at properties of shape. This will include measuring, drawing and calculating angles on straight lines and around a point, then applying this knowledge to triangles and quadrilaterals as well as solving problems.

After this, we will be working with co-ordinates to perform translation and reflection as well as looking at symmetry.

We will begin our work on decimals towards the end of term by looking at addition and subtraction. This work will be continued after the half term.

Science

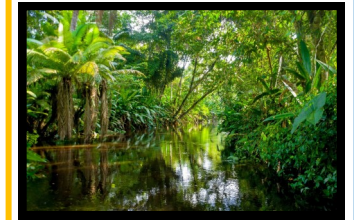
Our topic is Earth and Space.

We will be exploring objects in space and how they move including moons, our moon and its phases. We will learn how early ideas about the solar system put the Earth at the centre then discover facts about the true centre, the sun.

We will also learn how space affects time, finding out why we have day and night, what a year is and how sundials work.



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History

We will be looking at the history of Christianity in the British Isles. We will find out how the monk and historian Bede chronicled this and also find out about his life and work. We will also find out how the countries of Scotland and England were formed at the end of the Viking period and stories about some of the Anglo-Saxon kings.

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Enrichment: Tower of London visit

PE: Tuesday

RE

This half-term we are studying Sikhism. We will be exploring the different ways in which Sikhs show their commitment to their faith.

PSHE

Our focus this term is Safety and the human body. We will look at first aid techniques and some of the ways in which our bodies change as we grow.

French

We will learn vocabulary related to sports and say which sports we like.

Geography

Our focus is the rainforests of the Amazon basin. We will learn about them as an ecosystem and their relationship with the climate in their capacity as 'the lungs of the world'. We will also consider the effects of deforestation, human settlement, economy, population distribution and movement on the rainforest.

Music

Our music unit this term focuses on beat and meter. We will look at reggae and calypso music and think about the rhythms used in a variety of pieces.

Suggested places to visit

British Museum

Science Museum

Suggested books to read

The 'George' series by Stephen and Lucy Hawking

Hello, is this planet Earth? by Tim Peake

Art

Illustrations from the period of the Space Race and considering how they have influenced art and design in the following years. We will develop our own futuristic art pieces and use printing techniques in their production.

Computing

This term we will look at how computers use binary to transmit, receive and understand information over vast distances.