

English

In our English lessons we continue to develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. We will use "The Firework-Maker's daughter" by Philip Pullman to inspire not only English lessons but much of the learning in other areas of the curriculum. The children will learn about the conventions of writing a story (set somewhere in Asia) and have the opportunity to improve their story based upon a model. This will be used to inspire their own story, using a similar theme but set in their own world. They will be learning how to describe characters and settings, to write a book review and a new, original blurb.

We continue to learn to read using "The reading dogs" where children explore vocabulary and different extracts in depth. They learn to ask and answer questions as well as to infer, to predict, to compare and to summarise using the class chapter book.

How to help at home:

Hearing your child read daily. Ask them questions about what they have read using the reading dogs.

Magnificent Asia

The children will inquire this half term, Magnificent Asia, the largest and the most populous continent in the world. They will explore the regions and the countries of Asia together with the longest rivers and the highest mountains.

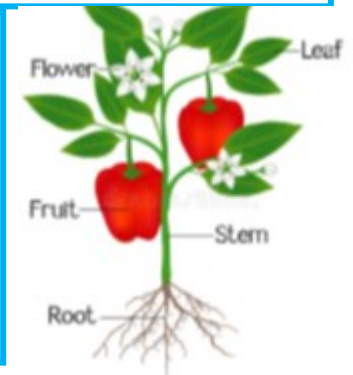
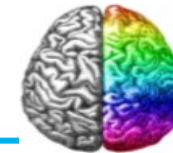


Science

This term the children will be expanding their knowledge through our topic: Plants. We will be looking at what a plant needs to grow, the process of water transportation, and the pollination process. The pupils will be investigating the way in which water is transported within plants.

PSHE

In PSHE lessons, pupils will be learning how to aim high and develop a growth mindset through sessions about "Dreams and Goals."



R.E.

The children are expanding their knowledge about Islam by looking at the 5 Pillars, the holy book and special festivals and celebrations.



Maths

- This term we will be looking at Measurements time, length, mass and capacity.
- Time : looking at telling the time to the nearest minute using 12h and 24h analogue and digital clock, roman numerals, converting time and word problems.
- Length, mass and capacity : estimate, measure, compare ,add and subtract; problem solving including mixed units.

How you can help at home:

Ensure your child knows by heart their times table facts and related division facts for 2,5,10,3,4 and 8.

Practise telling the time!

Practise online and written homework!

Some useful Websites:

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.nrich.maths.org

MAGNIFICENT ASIA

Topic

This half term children will take a look at the geography of Asia, focusing especially on India and China. They will be using atlases to locate and to research about the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas. They will also find out about the human features like: languages, foods, politics, wars and festivals.



Home learning

Your child has a homework booklet with activities to complete each week in Spellings that is due to be checked by the class teacher every Friday.

Every Friday the pupils are receiving a written homework which is due the next week on Wednesday.

Your child has a MY MATHS log in to complete on line maths homework as well as Times Table Rockstar login where she/he can practise their times tables.

Children should read every day and complete their reading record.