

MATHS

We are progressing well through the Maths No Problem scheme. Children will continue to work on developing their understanding of a variety of methods to add and subtract up to 20. Over the next half term, we will be working on shape (2D and 3D shapes), patterns and will move onto measurement (length to begin with). More information on coverage each week will be detailed in Learning Diaries and homework will allow children the opportunity to secure their understanding at home too.

HISTORY

Our focus for this half term is to study the life of Florence Nightingale; exploring why she is famous. We will be seeing first-hand how the value of 'Hope' (our focus value this half term) can give amazing results because Florence's family didn't want her to become a nurse! Children will discover that she was instrumental in developing the cleanliness and hygiene in hospitals. We will explore what the hospital was like when she arrived in Scutari (Turkey) during the Crimean War in the 1800s and what she did to make changes.



RE

In RE, our focus will be Hinduism. We will find out about the different gods Hindu people believe in, special occasions in a Hindu child's life, what happens at a Hindu wedding and the festivals of Diwali, Raksha Bandhan and Ganesh Chaturthi. It will provide us with a great opportunity to learn about others in our community and to make comparisons to our own beliefs and customs.

PSHE

We will continue to work on keeping safe both at home and at school.

SCIENCE

Over this half term, children will be looking at famous Scientists and inventors. We will explore Lego and investigate the properties of the material it is made from. We will also look at the man who designed earmuffs and test different materials to see what the best insulating material is. We will also look at famous Scientists who invented rain gauges and make our own (we will actually be hoping for rain so that we can test these out!)

Famous for more than 5 minutes!

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MUSIC

We will be using a song called 'In the Groove' to develop children's musical awareness. We will learn the song, find the pulse, and explore how the songs sound in different styles (Baroque, Blues, Folk, Latin and Bhangra). We will introduce tuned instruments to accompany our performances of the songs.

LITERACY

Writing – Our focus will continue to develop children's skills in creating punctuated sentences. We will look at the suffixes -ing, -er and -ed (added the end of a word to make a new word). Children will write across a variety of genres to develop this. Developing handwriting (with lead ins and lead outs) will continue to be a focus.

Reading – Children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge to read longer words (breaking words in syllables) and developing recognition of digraphs and trigraphs). Comprehension skills continue to be taught in specific sessions to ensure children understand what they have read.

Look out for information about our visit to Houghton Regis Library! We will be finding out about famous children's authors.

PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK.

PE

Monday PE sessions will be with our Rising Stars sports coach. Sessions will focus on developing children's throwing and catching skills. They will work on their aim and accuracy.

In Friday sessions, we will explore Gymnastics, focusing on travelling on apparatus, developing sequences of movements and gymnastic body shapes.

Please make sure your child has their named kit in school. No earrings or tape to cover on PE days please.

ART

This half term we will work in the style of the famous artists Vincent Van Gogh and L.S. Lowry. We will be working on using oil pastels to develop line, movement and texture and will be exploring mixing colours develop our skills.

