

All Around the World

Maths

In maths this term we will be continuing to focus on our understanding of numbers. We will be using place value to use larger numbers, breaking them down into tens and ones and using them in a variety of ways. This includes addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will also be practising our fourth operation; Division, beginning with practical activities and leading into more number based activities. This use of place value and 2-digit numbers will also help us when focussing on our ever increasing use of money. We will be adding and subtracting as well as solving problems to find change, a skill that can easily be practised at home.

Music

In music we will be continuing to focus on our musical skills with our music teacher. This will include using both our voices and using a range of instruments to create songs. We will also be planning our own songs to follow along to.

RE

In Religious Education this term we will be looking at the religion of Islam and we will be seeing how Muslims worship. This will include lots of links to our previously taught religion, Christianity, understanding how religions can have both similarities and differences and expressing the need for tolerance and acceptance of others.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be discussing the topic of 'Friendship.'

Throughout the year sometimes friendships can be tested and we understand that sometimes we may disagree with others. We will be thinking of ways that we can be kind and listen to others to understand before giving our own opinion.

We will be thinking of the idea of 'compromise,' making sure that everyone is heard and reaching mutual agreements, this will be done through group discussion and scenarios for the children to discuss. This will also lead into the first official debate for Swallows, trying to persuade and get our views across to others.

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology this term we will be linking our DT work to our theme of All around the World. We will be using food technology this term to think of where different foods come from and pinpointing these on a map.

This will also lead into a tasting session of new and exotic fruits and vegetables that many children may not have experienced before and trying to work out where those foods may come from. We will also be looking at farming processes as we have previously thought of farming in the U.K with Harvest we will be looking at what farming looks like in different parts of the world.

English

In Literacy we will be covering a range of different units all linked to our topic. Through the use of different stories, we will be covering a range of different text types.

We will be looking at stories written by authors from around the world as well as stories set in different parts of the world. This will include stories set in hotter climates, arctic conditions and under the sea. These will cover genres such as letters, diaries and captions.

As we move forward Swallows will be focussing more on their understanding of texts, answering more questions based on texts that they read and are read to them. This understanding of texts will help them boost not only their reading but also their writing as they begin to understand more of the stories they are familiar with, thinking about not just what they are reading but the reasons why certain things happen in the stories. For example; why characters make certain choices in the stories and understanding how the characters' feelings may affect their choices.

We will also be looking into particular children's authors, comparing different books that they have written and thinking about where the authors come from.

Art

In Art this term we will be doing a variety of things relating to our topic. We will be creating pictures and sculptures based around one of our stories from our English lessons; Handa's Surprise. We will be using a wide range of different materials to plan and create some beautiful pieces of art based on a range of African animals.

History

As part of our topic we will be learning all about some of the most famous explorers from outside of our living memory. We will be making fact files and information texts based on the lives and discoveries of explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Amelia Earhart, we will also be thinking about different modes of transportation and how they have changed over the years.

Science:

This term in Science we will be thinking about animals. We will be learning about a range of living creatures, thinking about what they need to survive and grow as well as where different animals may live and the reasons for their habitat. This will include humans as we will also be thinking about not only what we need to survive but the healthy choices that we can make to make the most of our bodies and keep them as healthy as possible. We will be discussing different food groups and the effect that different foods can have on our bodies. This will link well with our D.T. session and our taste tests of different fruits from around the world.

ICT

In ICT this term we will be thinking outside the classroom at the different ways that technology is used; not just in and around the school but also at home and around the world. We will be thinking about the different jobs that use technology in different ways as well as what technology may look like in different parts of the world.