

Computing

Using devices to create an animated story. We will use technology to create a stop-motion animation, looking at how stop-motion animation is different from other animation and why many photographs need to be taken.

Art / Design Technology

In Art we will focus on sculpture, particularly the artist Franz Messerschmidt who was a sculptor famous for character heads contorted into extreme facial expressions. Children will make their own clay gargoyle heads, dragon eyes and Papier Mache fish after completing their own drawing designs.

Physical Education

In Spring 1 the children will be taught by a specialist PE teacher, Miss Greenhalgh. They will be looking at Dance and Gymnastics, working together to create their own sequence of movements.

English-Writing

We will be using the key text 'Manfish: A story of Jacques Cousteau' by Jennifer Berne. Our first learning outcome will be writing an invention narrative; we will then look at writing a biography for Jacques. Daily sentence accuracy will be completed at the start of each lesson also. Children will have daily handwriting practice and spelling lessons taught to suit their ability.

Year 2/3/4 Spring 1 – 2023/24 Termly focus

History/ Geography

Stone age to Iron age – Children will know that prehistory is the time before written records and that the period of prehistoric Britain ends with the Roman invasion. They will look at the different periods of time in prehistory - Stone Age, Bronze age and Iron Age. They will know what primary and secondary sources are and know how we use artefacts to find out about the past. The children will look at how tools have advanced from wood to metal, settlements have advanced from temporary shelters to hill forts and people have advanced from hunter – gatherers to farmers.

English- Reading

Our 'Steps to read' units are based on fairy stories and poetry classics, and expanding the reading breadth for the 2 different groups. The children look at a range of books, fiction and non-fiction to answer a variety of questions. Some children also take part in daily phonics lessons whilst others are completing 'Reading Plus' on their laptops.

Personal Development

This half term we will be taking part in a tree planting initiative at Frodsham Woods. We also have the opportunity to develop our water confidence and swimming skills in our weekly lessons. There are many after school clubs on offer for the children to take part in such as recorders, active club and cheerleading.

Science

Materials – We will be looking at how materials are picked for a specific purpose because of their properties, and that glass is made by melting sand and other minerals together at extremely hot temperatures. The children will learn how different fabrics, have different properties and that pans are made from metal so they can be hammered into different shapes without breaking. We will look at how furniture made from wood comes from trees. Wood is strong, flexible, and long-lasting and an insulator of heat and electricity. Children will know that the same object can be made using varied materials e.g., spoons can be made from wood, metal, plastic

Maths

Year 2, 3 and 4 will be focusing on multiplication and division. Year 2 children will look at their 2's, 5's and 10's, Year 3 will focus on their 3's, 4's and 8's whilst Year 4's will need to be confident in all multiplication facts to 12. The children also complete Maths fluency questions at the start of each day and have the opportunity to take part in 'Times Tables Rock stars' online.

Spanish

We will be focusing on 'Animals', being able to ask the question 'What is that?' in Spanish and saying 'My favourite animal is ...' We will look at plurals in Spanish and read the story 'Animals I see on my way to school.'

PSHE

Healthy Me – Children will look at what a healthy lifestyle is. They will look at how exercise affects the body, how diet is important to overall health, how other things can affect the body such as smoking, alcohol and drugs. We will also look at mental health and peer pressure, both in person and online.

Music

This half term the children will be taught by Mrs Coombes, a specialist Music teacher from Edsential. The children will be learning how to sing in unison, in rounds, will learn about selected composers and play a variety of instruments.

Religious Education

Islam – We will continue to look at our overall question 'Who should we follow?' with our focus this half term on 'Why is the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) an example for Muslims?' We will look at how he is a role model to Muslims, and compare to the children's role models. The children will learn about the third pillar of Islam – Zakat, where many Muslims give away a percentage of their wealth to charity. They will find out how charity is very important to Muslims and that charities, such as Islamic Aid, support people in need around the world.