



A message from Mr Rockstar

I hope you have had a lovely half term break! If you would like to come in and talk about any of our learning this term, then please do not hesitate to have a chat with me.

Writing

A large part of our English curriculum this half term will be based on 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We will be producing two pieces of independent writing from this text- a formal letter and a narrative.

Through these pieces, we will be learning about the features of different types of writing and how to use tenses correctly. This will be alongside recapping all of the grammatical features taught in Key Stage 2 on a regular basis.

Reading

In class, we will continue to practise key reading skills, including fluency, expression (prosody) and SATs-style comprehension tasks. Regular reading has a big impact on children's confidence and progress, so we encourage you to read with your child for 5-10 minutes each day. This can include school books, library books or favourite stories, as well as everyday reading such as subtitles, recipes or signs when out and about. In lessons, pupils will also explore a range of text types through multiple extracts each week.

Maths

This half term, we will continue to use our explicit teaching approach in mathematics, carefully modelling how to apply the four operations to whole numbers, decimals and fractions. Pupils will practise these methods regularly to develop confidence, accuracy and secure understanding.

We will also place a strong focus on multiplication and arithmetic fluency, allowing pupils to spend more time understanding and solving word problems rather than working out basic calculations.

Music

In this unit, children will explore rap and hip-hop through beatboxing, rhythm and rhyme. We will learn about the origins of the genre, listen to examples, and write our own rhyming lines. We will then combine these skills to create and perform our own rap.

Geography

Our focus for Geography this half term will be 'Global Zones'. We will learn about day and night, and how the world is split up into time zones. We will investigate where time zones originated from and why they are so important.

PE

This half term in PE, pupils will take part in two activities each week to develop a range of physical skills. On Tuesdays, lessons will focus on parkour, helping pupils improve their agility, balance, and coordination through varied movement challenges. On Thursdays, sessions will be dedicated to football, where pupils will work on teamwork, ball control, and game skills, while enjoying active and engaging lessons.

DT

In DT, children will design and make wooden bird boxes. They will learn to measure and cut accurately, use tools safely, and assemble pieces securely, developing practical skills and understanding how design meets purpose.

PSHE

This half term, children will follow the Jigsaw PHSE program, focusing on 'Healthy Me,' exploring ways to take responsibility for their health, including emotional and mental well-being.