

## <u>English</u>

We will begin the half term by reading *Good Little Wolf* by Nadia Shireen. We will describe, contrast and make inferences about the main characters. We will plan main characters such as the Kind Little Witch or Lovely Little Troll before writing our own versions of this narrative. Next, we will read *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear. We will explore rhythm and rhyme as well as chorally reciting parts of the poem. We will imagine and describe a new land for the owl and the pussycat to discover. We will continue to have opportunities to write about first-hand experiences this half term.

#### Maths:

Our first unit will be on mental arithmetic, learning how fluently adding or subtracting numbers to ten can help us to calculate and check answers when adding or subtracting two-digit numbers. Then, we will continue our learning about 'Numbers 0 to 20', including how to estimate and measure length in cms using rulers marked in ones. We will end the term with a unit on 'Position and Direction', including some outdoor learning.

#### Science:

In science this term, we will be looking at materials. We will be learning the different properties materials have and describe their attributes. We will take a closer look at magnets, and experiment with the materials that attract and repel magnetic force.

#### History:

Our history unit will be 'Parliament and Prime Ministers'. We will be learning about the development of British democracy, including the introduction of the Bill of Rights. We will learn that the first Prime Minister was Robert Walpole and we will think about how the roles of parliament and Prime Minister have changed over time. We will use role-play to learn about counting votes to find a winner in an election.

## **Religious Education:**

In RE, we will be finding out about people of faith, using faith stories to support this. We will learn that Jesus was a leader and teacher and consider the messages in some of the stories he told. We will also consolidate our learning about the Buddhist faith, through learning about the Buddha, his life and stories that he told.

### PSHE:

In PHSE, we will be learning about our bodies. We will be naming external body parts and describing what our bodies can do and understanding how amazing they are. We will be learning about personal hygiene and developing an understanding of how to stop the spread of diseases.

This term, we will also be continuing our fortnightly school council discussions.

### Art:

Our focus will be 'Sculpture'. We will find out that sculptures can be created by either building-up or carving away. We will plan and produce our own sculptures of people, using clay and pipe cleaners, inspired by the artwork of Antony Gormley and Alberto Giacometti.

## <u>DT:</u>

In DT, we will be researching and investigating different types of vehicles and exploring the wheels and axles in toy cars. We will design a toy vehicle, thinking about the user, purpose, function and appeal. We will talk about, draw and label our designs. Then, we will make a toy vehicle with wheels and axles and consider different ways to cut, join and finish materials. Finally, we will race and evaluate our toy vehicles.

#### <u>PE:</u>

In PE lessons, we will continue to work on fundamental skills. In particular, we will learn to throw, catch and intercept a ball on the move. We will use these skills within different games. In our final PE lesson of the half term, Jeffers and Shireen will come together for a House competition, revisiting our favourite games from across the year.

#### Music:

In Music, we will be learning about orchestral instruments. We will listen to a variety of pieces of music performed by an orchestra. We will listen to the different instruments and discuss the effect each instrument has on the piece.

## **Computing:**

In Computing, we will be building on our prior knowledge of using a computer to communicate. We will be looking specifically at word processing this half term: learning the important buttons; making changes to font and text size, and learning how to copy and paste.

## **Big Questions for the Half Term:**

Science: Which materials attract magnets?

History: What is the role of the Prime Minister?

RE: How are faith stories used?

PSHE: What can our bodies do and how are we amazing?

Art: How are sculptures made?

DT: How does a toy vehicle work?

PE: How can we aim for a target?

Music: What effect does each group of instruments have on an orchestra? Computing: How can we change text and communicate using a computer?

# Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: materials, properties, transparent, opaque, magnet, attract, repel, purpose History: Bill of Rights, parliament, election, Prime Minister, government, vote, political party, budget, services RE: Faith, Christian, Jesus, God, Bible, Buddha, Siddhartha PSHE: Body parts, hygiene, male, female, responsibility, private. Art: Sculpture, sculptor, 3D, 2D, statue, casting, mould, model, bronze DT: vehicle, transport, wheel, axle, axle holder, body, chassis, design, evaluate, purpose, user, function, appeal PE: throw, catch, aim, pass, intercept, target, position Music: orchestra, instruments, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, vocals, sound effect, timbre, dynamics, tempo Computing: back button, backspace, bold, copy, copyright, cut, delete, forward button, highlight, image, import, italic, keyboard, shortcut

## Other Information:

Children can wear outdoor PE kits to school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Forest Fridays: please ensure your child has suitable clothes to change into for this. They will need their arms and legs covered, whatever the weather, so long sleeved top, trousers and suitable footwear is essential. On cold or wet Fridays, please make sure your child has a suitable coat and wellies.

Don't forget to hear your child read every day.