

For our topic this half term, we are basing our work the tragedy of the Titanic and also a geographical focus of North America. For the Titanic, we will look at key times and dates, investigate social classes and debate who’s fault it was! Our art will focus on both drawing structure and texture using pastels.

For geography, we are looking at the continent of North America. We will look at changes over the eras (including the gold rush and ‘Wild West’. In addition to this, we will study how the land is used.

Our DEAR time book will be ‘Pig Heart Boy’ by Malorie Blackman; the theme of the book will form the basis of most reading comprehensions. It also links well with one of our science topics – Circulatory System. This book has lots of areas of discussion and we know the children will love it.

We are recapping the circulatory system in science, as well as looking at its impact through PE theory. We will also look at microorganisms.

As singing is no longer possible, children are still carrying on looking at an ‘artist of the week’ in music, focusing on canonised artists such as Queen, Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder. We will also be using untuned and tuned instruments to compose music reflecting tension. Children will also look at musical notation.

PSHE will be focusing on careers and finance. As well as this, we will also look at identity, society and inequality. We will still be considering our mental and physical wellbeing weekly through using Zumos in class.

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**English**

In Maths we will consolidating our arithmetic methods to try and increase the pace in which we complete questions.

We shall also be learning about the use of algebra. Children will look at simplifying and solving equations, creating number sequences, using them to create formulae and applying this knowledge to problems.

In addition, we will look at area, perimeter and volume. All of which will be revision of topics covered last year.

We will be applying and connecting previous knowledge in reasoning questions.

We shall be focusing on our topic of the Titanic for the first few weeks. We will use it as a stimulus to create stories and newspaper articles. Children will use these forms of writing to add in criteria to support their writing assessment at the end of the year.

We will also have a focus on our class book ‘Pig Heart Boy’ in both English, reading and PSHE sessions.

Much of this half term again will be allowing the children to become familiar with SATS-style comprehension questions, grammar, spelling and punctuation standards that they need to aim for by the end of this year.

**“Titanic Tragedy and North America’**

**Home Learning!**

At the moment, due to Covid restrictions, homework will be on Teams . If children are struggling with a concept in the class, a note will be written in their home-school book in order for them to practise this further at home. Reading, times tables practise and methodology for the 4 operations (eg. addition, subtraction etc.) should be practised at home daily.

**Maths**

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