Michelangelo Class Autumn 2 Topic Map

I hope you all had a restful break from school and are ready for another busy half-term as we soon begin to countdown to Christmas.

Remember to always have a coat in schoot as well as hats and gloves should the temperature begin to drop significantly.

Maths

In Maths, Factors will be tackling decimals before moving onto formal methods of addition and subtraction. Multiples will spend a lot of this half term focusing on formal methods of multiplication and division as well as recapping their knowledge of rounding decimals.

We will continue to have a big focus on arithmetic skills throughout the half term too.

English

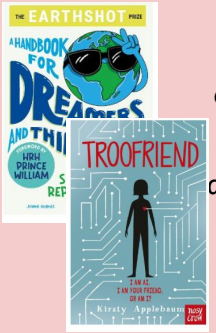




We will start the half term with picking up our persuasive advert for a trip down the River Nile.

We will then move onto writing a letter written from the point of view of the witch in Hansel and Gretel where she will attempt to defend her actions on that day.

Whole Class Reading



Our Whole Class reading texts provide excellent opportunities to discuss a writer's choice of vocabulary and sentence structures as well as develop a range of skills such as inference and predicting.

SPAG

Children will be set spellings each week on a Monday. These spellings include words from the Years 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling lists, so it is very important that they are practised at home.

Science -Classification

We will be learning more about how all living things are classified by looking at their features. We will explore the five kingdoms of living things and then look at further sub-divisions of groups. We will also study the differences between animal and plant cells.

RE

In this unit, pupils explore in greater the experience of women in Christian worldviews. They consider how this might be different in different denominations of Christianity.

PE

PE will be on a **Thursday** and **Friday.**

In addition, if children are booked in for PE clubs after school, they must have their PE kit.

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

Computing

This half term, children will be developing their knowledge of databases to explore single and multiple table databases to solve problems.

A specific morning on online safety will also be included this half term to develop awareness around the long-term impact of our digital footprint.

Geography - North America

This unit builds on our understanding of world geography and focuses on the continent of North America. Our understanding of biomes will be developed in this unit as they look at the tundra in the northern parts of the continent and the tropical forests of the southern parts of the continent.

PSHE- Friends and Family

In this unit, children will explore what makes a strong, healthy friendship both online and offline. How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends. The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties.

Art in the Italian Renaissance

This half term, children will study a range of different pieces of artwork: The School of Athens by Raphael, The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci and the Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo. They will develop their drawing skills with observational drawings of hands and ears.

French

Les Vêtements

During this unit, children will learn the vocabulary needed to discuss clothes they like and how much they cost.

Music

This unit is based on Benjamin Britten's piece 'This Little Babe' from 'A Ceremony of Carols'. Britten was one of the most important British composers of the last century who was born in Lowestoft in Suffolk.

Home Learning Expectations

*Weekly Maths or English tasks will be set each Wednesday. Please support your child to ensure this is handed in by the following Wednesday at the very latest.

Children are able to access support in school Monday to Wednesday with any element of their homework.

Reading at home at least three times a week as a minimum please.