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Topics Overview



AUTUMN SECOND HALF TERM

MATHEMATICIANS



Our main maths focus is multiplication and division. Additionally, Year 4s will be putting their skills into practice by calculating with money while our Year 5s will be exploring and comparing different units of measurement.

WRITERS



Inspired by our class book, *A Matter of Loaf and Death*, the children will be writing their own dilemma-filled stories. We will also use *Escape from Pompeii* as a model to help shape our own recount writing.

CATHOLICS

In our next RE topic, *Prophecy and Promise*, the children will explore how God spoke through the Old Testament figures. This unit will prepare their hearts for the season of Advent.



CREATORS



The children shall use their knowledge of electrical systems, circuits and switches to make their own torches. They will consider product design and construction before testing and evaluating their finished products.

TECHNICIANS

The children will become tech explorers as they dive into '*Unpacking Hardware and Software*.' They will learn to distinguish between physical hardware components and digital software programs.



SCIENTISTS

The children will learn the symbols used to draw schematic electrical circuit diagrams. They will build and test their own circuits experimenting with voltage giving them a good foundation for their DT torch building.

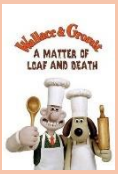


ATHLETES

Indoors, the children will develop core strength, balance and flexibility in gymnastics. Outdoors, they will focus on football skills, sharpening teamwork and ball control, mastering travelling, accurate passing and shooting.



READERS



A Matter of Loaf and Death - While Wallace is swept up in a whirlwind romance with Piella, it is up to Gromit to put on his detective hat and solve the murder mystery!

Escape From Pompeii – We follow young Tranio and Livia as they witness the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

GEOGRAPHERS



The children will delve deep beneath the Earth's surface to discover how tectonic plates shape our world. They will investigate volcanic eruptions and earthquake seismic activity, explore the famous "Ring of Fire," and learn how these natural phenomena impact the landscapes and communities around them.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Homework will be issued on a Monday: a non-returnable spelling practise sheet and an online paper set on Maths.co.uk. Children will be tested on spellings each Monday.
- Please remember to send in a named water bottle and a healthy snack each day with a small treat on Fridays.
- PE Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can earring be removed or taped over for PE days.
- Most importantly, please read with your child every day to help improve literacy. Just 15-20 minutes of daily shared reading makes a massive difference in expanding vocabulary, building comprehension, and fostering a lifelong love for books.