

PE

We will be focussing on hockey and tennis this half-term. In hockey, we will be developing our ability to pass, shoot and defend as a group. In tennis, our focus will be on combining a range of shots to begin to play short rallies.

Computing

Building on what we've already learnt this year, we will continue to develop our programming skills, using the Scratch platform (and logical thinking). Using ready-made 'blocks' of code and *if*, *or* and *forever* loops we will create interactive quizzes.



This half-term, we'll be learning about...

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Science

Plants

We will be investigating the way that plants grow over the next few weeks. We will begin by identifying and describing the function of different parts of flowering plants (including roots, leaves and flowers), and will then explore the different things that plants need in order to grow well. Finally, we will learn about the life cycle of plants, discovering how they make and disperse seeds.

The Arts

Linked to our last geography topic, we will be making sculptures of US landmarks from clay. Through lots of careful looking and sketching we will identify the key features of these places, and we will then carefully recreate them. We will also be using our USA theme to inspire our cooking, learning to make pastry so that we can bake our own apple pies!

Maths

Our focus this half-term will be on multiplication, division and fractions. We will begin by revising doubling and halving, developing the range of strategies we use so that we can quickly find doubles and halves of any 2-digit (and eventually 3-digit) number. Alongside this we will continue to develop our knowledge of multiplication facts, focussing in particular on the 3x and 4x tables. After that, we will move on to explore fractions. We will begin by finding fractions practically, chopping and sharing out items into halves, thirds, quarters and fifths. We will then use this understanding (alongside our knowledge of tables facts) to help us to find fractions of numbers, quantities and amounts.

Humanities

Geography : Water

Water is all around us and vital to every type of life, and in this topic we will be learning about the way that the Water Cycle means that it is constantly being reused and recycled. We will locate the world's major oceans, seas and rivers on a variety of maps, and discuss the difference between fresh water and sea water (and why it matters). We will also investigate the impact of water on environments, both shaping landscapes and effecting the growth of many towns and cities.

RE

We will be exploring the question, 'What happens if we do wrong?' We will think about the idea of justice and forgiveness, and investigating the ways in which different religions view these ideas.

English

Our next unit is based around a fantastic story called *Leon and the Place Between*, by Angela McAllister. In this adventure, Leon wants to prove that magic exists and volunteers to take part in a famous magician's show. He vanishes and is transported to the incredible *Place Between*... We will use the text to develop our use of dialogue, making sure we punctuate speech correctly, as well as exploring the structure of stories with more complex plots. We will then use all these skills to write our own magical stories.

After that, we will be focussing on poetry. We will look in particular at haikus, a form of poem from Japan that has just 17 syllables, split across three lines.

PE

Keeping fit, happy and healthy is always important. There are links to lots of great resources and workouts to help everyone in the family get active at www.sportengland.org/jointhemovement

Computing

- You can have a go at coding in Scratch by heading to scratch.mit.edu or downloading the Scratch app. There are loads and loads of tutorials, ideas and examples of other people's work available on the Scratch site.



English

- Constant practice of reading - and discussion of what's been read - is just about the most valuable thing you can do at home. Try to listen to your child as often as possible.
- Spelling homework goes out every Thursday, so please help your child to learn these. You can find more advice on supporting spelling at: www.bedwell.herts.sch.uk/learning/spelling_strategies.pdf
- It's World Book Day on 5th March, so keep an eye out for the tokens that will be coming home soon, which you can exchange for a free £1 book at most supermarkets and bookshops. You can find out more about this year's line-up of books at www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/

Science

- We're learning about plants this half-term, so see how many different types of plant you can spot while you're out and about. What's the same (and what's different) about the flowers, trees, crops and grasses you can see?
- Plant some seeds or bulbs in pots and watch how they grow. What do we need to do to make sure that they grow well?

Ideas for supporting learning at home:

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The Arts

In class, we're using our US road trip topic to inspire our art lessons, so why not try the same thing at home? There are loads of ideas to get you started at the sites below:

- artprojectsforkids.org/category/view-by-theme/u-s-history-and-symbols/
- www.activityvillage.co.uk/usa
- www.bakerross.co.uk/craft-ideas/category/teachers/cultures/usa-cultures/

Maths

So much of what we do in class depends on the recall of tables facts, so it would be brilliant if you could work on these at home. Focus on one table at a time and try:

- Making-up rhymes to help remember number facts ("4 x 6 is 24, bears growl and lions roar!")
- Looking for numbers in that table in the world around you - on doors, car number plates, in phone numbers or when you're out shopping.
- Writing-out tables with finger paints, chalk or water-on-tarmac, or make them from playdoh.
- Chanting, singing, whispering... Say tables out loud together whenever you have the chance.

Humanities

- In geography this half-term we're learning about the water cycle - there are resources to support this topic on the BBC Bitesize site at www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3wpp39.
- We're disappointingly short on big rivers in our part of Hertfordshire, so if the opportunity arrives for a visit to an interesting lake or riverside (on the way back from a day out or just for a Sunday afternoon walk), that'd be great - we'd love to hear about it (and share some photos) in class.
- Learning where the world's water can be found is a really important part of this topic, so break out a map and track down the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and Southern Oceans - and for bonus points see how many famous rivers you can find, too.