

Here, There and Everywhere

This half-term's topic focusses on geography. We will explore both the political and physical landscape, linking our other learning into the world around us. Our literacy work will use spy stories as a vehicle to discover and develop a range of writing styles, whilst travelling around the globe on a series of exciting missions.

In Literacy we will be:

- Reading and analysing different genres of fiction; the devices and structures used.
- Developing our exciting writing with the use of our senses, and some ambitious vocabulary to describe characters and setting.
- Writing speech with the use of inverted commas.
- Editing and improving our work.
- Using our new learning to create an adventure story of our own.
- Our class book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, links strongly into this geography based topic, but again we will explore a range of shorter texts to exemplify style and to inspire our own writing.
- As well as these specific activities, we will continue to develop our grammar and writing skills, using new strategies and practising ones we already use, to improve and extend our sentences, paragraphs and the quality of our work.

In Numeracy we will be:

- Using fractions, decimals and percentages, adding, subtracting and exploring equivalent fractions.
- Using and presenting data (bar charts, pictograms and tables).
- Practising our arithmetic (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing), both through our morning maths challenge and in our lessons.
- Solving word problems, including multi-step, learning and using a range of strategies.
- Investigating measurement of a shape; perimeter, area, volume and capacity.
- Time; including analogue and digital, 12 and 24 hours.

Our Science work will continue to explore solids, liquids and gasses (heating, cooling, evaporation), once again linking to the geography lessons and providing an opportunity for diagrams and explanation texts.

Geography lessons will explore the world around us, including political aspects of countries and cities, and the physical aspects of rivers, seas, oceans, hills and mountains. We will focus on Great Britain, the counties and in particular origins and growth of London.

In ICT we will be developing our use of both laptops and iPads to increase confidence and familiarity with a range of programmes, applications, appropriate web pages and online

sites. As always internet safety and the safe and considerate use of ICT will form an essential part of this.

Art work continues to develop colour mixing, with the introduction of mixed media and craft work to broaden our skills, and enable us to use new ideas to illustrate our stories.

In Music we will develop our singing and listening skills. We will explore the musical elements and also a range of styles from across the world.

In RE we will look at:

- The world around us; ethical decisions and Christian teachings.
- Different faiths around the world; similarities and differences.

We continue to have two PE lessons a week and for this half term they will be swimming and tennis.

If you were able to find time at home, looking at different maps, whether paper or on-line, noting the scale, the purpose, recognising features and locations will help your child to develop familiarity and confidence. Looking at maps, with a view to any travelling you may be doing over the summer will also help to put this learning into a very real and meaningful context.