

Literacy

This half-term, the text 'Way Home' will form the basis of our Literacy lessons where we will be focusing on accurately punctuating speech in our stories and using openers accurately. We will also be learning how to write a persuasive text related to ending plastic pollution. In Guided Reading, we will be looking at Poems. Children will learn about the structure and features of poems whilst discussing the messages behind them. Drama will also be incorporated into our Literacy and Guided Reading lessons.

Geography

Our topic this half term is Urban V Rural. We will be contrasting rural and urban areas in the children's local area and the UK. We will take part in a local walk around Failsworth and Daisy Nook to develop children's understanding of where they live and where they fit into our country's landscape.

Art

We will be creating art based on the influence of David Hockney and his work. We will begin by sketching our local environment which the children will then develop into water colour landscapes. They will then create their own Hockney inspired piece of art.

ICT

The children will further develop their coding skills by introducing the concepts of variables. Using their coding skills, they will create and develop commands using 'if' and 'repeat' statements. They will also use their skills of debugging to fix any commands that are not running correctly. Children will also continue to embed their E-safety knowledge, considering ways in which we can keep safe online, including the use of strong passwords, as well as what to do if we are concerned or worried by what we are seeing. They will also better understand what they should or shouldn't accept and how to deal with 'spam' emails.

Maths

This half-term, we will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions. We will look at these in context when it comes to solving reasoning questions and problems. We will continue to recap the basic skills such as adding, subtracting, doubling, halving and other mental strategies. We will also practise times tables daily to improve accuracy and speed.

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PE

In our outdoor PE sessions we will be learning how to read maps and use good communication skills in outdoor adventurous activities. Every week the class will work in teams to solve problems. Our indoor PE lessons will develop children's synchronisation and canon skills in gymnastics.

Music

This half term the children will continue to appraise different pieces of music and will develop their ability to listen to a piece and decide what instruments are being used. They will also focus on listening and describing music using musical vocabulary.

RE

In RE we will be looking at prayer. The children will be thinking about why we pray and what we say. We will look at how prayer is important to different religions and how different religions pray. We will also be looking at other forms of worship such as religious music.

Science

We will begin Spring 1 by learning about the Circle of Life. The children will learn about the metamorphic life cycle as well as the life cycles of different plants and animals. We will look at comparing similarities and differences between the cycles.