



This Term...

English

In English this half term we will be looking at the traditional tale The Gingerbread Man, starting off by retelling the story and sequencing the events. We will also be describing the main character using adjectives and expanded noun phrases and create a WANTED poster for the Gingerbread Man. By the end of the topic we are going to write our own version of the story by changing one part and have a go at including some speech as part of the narrative.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we will start off by recapping our previous work of place value, addition and subtraction. We will then move on to exploring the properties of shape. We will be naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes and learning how to describe them using mathematical language, such as sides, edges, faces and vertices. We will learn about symmetry and make patterns using shapes.

Science

In Science we will be looking at the topic Scientists and Inventors. We will start by learning about Chester Greenwood, the man who invented ear muffs. We will design our own experiment to test which materials would be best to keep us warm. We will also learn about Mae Jemison, an astronaut and Ole Kirk Christiansen, the inventor of Lego. In addition we will learn about the role of the vet and learn about how zoos have changed over time.

Geography

In Geography we will be looking at the topic 'Our Country', where we will explore the difference between towns and cities. We will then move on to looking at the different countries that make up the UK considering their flags, national symbols and capital cities. We will also learn some facts about the different countries in the UK and London and become tour guides sharing our new facts with our friends.

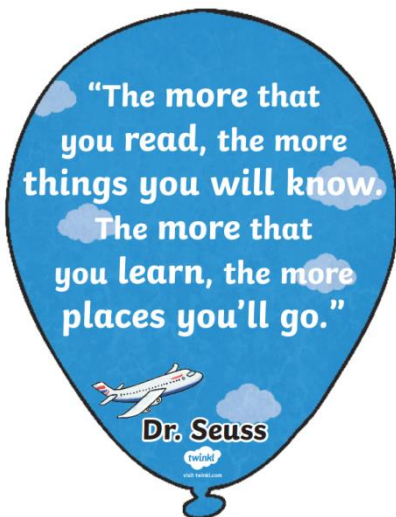
Computing

In computing we will be looking at how computers follow algorithms and the importance of giving clear instructions. We will then practice giving clear instructions to build the same Lego model as our partner. We will also be exploring mazes, using directional language and inputting instructions into a program to guide characters through a maze.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their netball skills with the PE coaches. They will be learning the different netball passes and practice their attacking and defending skills in a game. In gymnastics we will be exploring different balances and rolls and use these to create a routine.

Thought of the term...



How I can help my child at home

Mathematics

Go on a shape hunt around your home and challenge your child to describe the shapes using mathematical vocabulary.

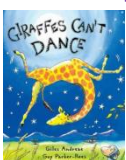
English

Share a range of different traditional tales and encourage your child to retell the story. Practice forming letters correctly using leading lines.

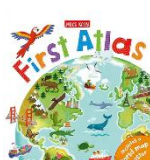
Homework

Please see the new topic web based on the topic 'Our Country'. There are a variety of activities linked to this topic for you and your child to enjoy. If you have any questions, please do come and ask Miss Muller or Mrs Riddaway. Please continue to hear your child read, ideally every day, and practice the times table we are focusing on. Please also look at the Maths and English activities provided in January to give extra support.

Reading Recommendations – Year 1 and 2



Showing courage



Focus on the UK



Storytelling

Dates to remember

World Book Day – Thursday 8th March
 KS1 Rugby Festival – Friday 15th March