

English

Writing

Our topic this half term is called "This is Our World!" The text drivers will be If I Were the World by Mark Sperring and our topic on Africa will be launched by sharing Mama Panya's Pancakes by Mary and Rich Chamberlin. The children will be learning to write a letter to inform and express their own opinions. The letter will be written in the first person and we will be supporting the children to think about the use of persuasive language by encouraging others to see something from their viewpoint. We will use the subordinating conjunctions to help us justify our opinions.

Children will be encouraged to use taught SpAG strategies consistently in their writing. There will also be opportunities for children to edit their own work, correcting grammatical and spelling errors.

We will be revisiting SPaG strategies previously taught such as: word types, different types of sentences, contractions and suffixes. We will be introducing the suffix 'ment' and children will be learning to spell words with this suffix. The spelling of tricky words and words containing taught sounds will now be addressed during English lessons and morning work. Children will also be practising letter formation through regular handwriting practice.

Reading

The children will be continue to read books closely matched to their phonic reading ability with the aim of increasing fluency, confidence and a love of reading. We will be continuing to develop our comprehension skills so that we're able to talk about the books we read. This half term we will be practising some SATS style comprehension papers and will be taking some quite informal SATS tests to help inform teacher assessment and future planning.

Science

We will be identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

We will be identifying plants in our school grounds by going for science walks and observing seasonal changes. We'll also be harvesting some of the plants we've grown.

Art

Our art will be linked to English and Geography. We will be learning about African Art, thinking about the lines and colours in African artwork. We will learn how African art has inspired other artists we've learnt about previously and creating our own African inspired prints.

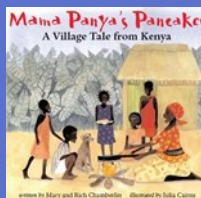
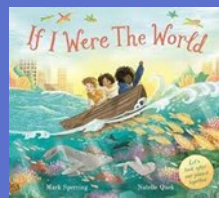
Music

Children will be learning music through a unit called Mini Beasts on the Move. This unit of work will support the children explore duration in music.



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This half term our text drivers are:



Geography

We will be studying geographical similarities and differences, between the human and physical geography of Marchwood and a village in Africa.

We will practise early orienteering skills linked to PE.

Computing

We will be learning about programming. We will start by thinking about instructions and then moving on to thinking about programming small robots.

Maths

We will be working hard to recap and consolidate our 2, 10, 5 and 3 times table and we will be continuing to use our knowledge of number to solve problems involving all operations and practising the strategies we've learnt so far this year.

We will be continuing to consolidate knowledge of fractions ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$) of lengths, shapes and numbers and comparing fractions, exploring equivalence. Some of us will be solving more complex calculations and 2 step problems.

RE

We will be thinking about the concept of Creation through the Christian Creation story. Children will be exploring what the word creation means by creating an object of their own. We will be thinking about why Christian people believe and value this story.

The Christian story of creation will then be compared with the Hindu creation story. We'll be thinking about similarities and differences within these 2 stories. The children will be given the opportunity to express their own views, opinions and ask questions about these ideas. RE this half term will be linked to caring for our planet.

PSHE

We will be continuing with Heart Smart to teach PSHE. This term's unit of work is called "Fake is a Mistake". Robbie the Robot will be helping us with our learning. We'll also focussing on well-being through My Happy Mind.

PE

This half term the children will be practising how to use a bat and ball, sending and receiving effectively. We'll also be using our team work skills will learning some fun new team games.