



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

This half term we will have a particular focus on handwriting – making sure that each letter starts in the correct place, is formed in the correct way and is the correct size.

In our Science and Design Technology topics, we will be exploring new vocabulary linked to puppets, construction and everyday materials. This will enable the children to attempt more ambitious words in their writing and speaking.

The children will also continue to work hard to learn new sounds and to use those sounds to decode more challenging words. Please do keep up the hard work at home – listening to them read and sharing stories together makes such a difference to their learning.

Science

This half term, we will explore Everyday Materials. The children will identify objects that are made out of wood, metal, plastic, glass, rock and fabric. We will be looking at what things are made from and why those materials are the best materials to use. We will be experimenting to find the best type of paper to mop up a mess and thinking about the materials we can use in our Design & Technology topic.

Maths

In Miss Robert's group, the children will be learning how to accurately add and subtract 1 and 2 from numbers within 20 and will be introduced to 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins as they learn how to shop with small amounts of money – adding prices together, subtracting from their 'purse' and problem solving with different amounts. They will learn to identify common 2D shapes and will compare, order and measure length using a range of apparatus. When you are shopping, why not ask your child to help you identify the coins in your purse?

In Mrs Cuthbert's group, the children will be learning to group objects and recognise patterns to count larger numbers more efficiently. They will learn about time, firstly as days, weeks and months, followed by recording time duration in seconds and minutes. The children will also practise adding and subtracting facts for numbers to 10 in order to become more fluent with their calculations. Could you use a timer to help your child record how long it takes to do everyday activities such as brushing their teeth, getting dressed or walking to school?

Key vocabulary

metal	plastic
wood	glass
rubber	fabric
paper	rock



Computing

This half term pupils will gain an understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text. Pupils will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to change the look of their writing, and then they will consider the differences between using a computer and writing on paper to create text.



RE and Collective Worship

The children will be asked the question 'What do Christians think God is like?' and use the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) to look at the ways in which God is a father who is loving and forgiving. They will link this to the reasons and ways in which Christians pray.

DT

The children will be designing and creating their very own puppet! We will start off by looking at simple finger puppets and then develop and define their sewing skills before designing, creating and evaluating their own glove puppet.

Key vocabulary

material	stitch
design	tools
evaluate	cutting
glue	joining
equipment	finishing
puppet	template



PSHE

Our topic this half term is all about relationships. The children will learn that they belong to different groups of people (family, class, school, faith, clubs etc) and that they have a role to play in each of these groups. We will learn what it means to collaborate and cooperate and who can help us in our community. We will celebrate the ways in which we are similar and different to one another and talk about who is special in our family. Please talk to your child about the different groups they belong to.

PE (Physical Education)

Our topic this half term is 'Throwing and Catching'. The children will learn to control a ball when they are rolling and bouncing, throwing and catching, on their own, with a partner and in a group. They will also develop tracking and receiving skills and learn to move in different ways, changing direction and speed quickly. The children will also gain experience of playing some simple team games, following rules, competing, and supporting each other to win.

Role Play

The role play area will be a puppet theatre. The children will have the opportunity to retell familiar stories using a variety of different puppets. They will be able to record their performance using the class ipads. These will then be shared with the rest of the class.

