

Class 2 Autumn 1 - Term 1 2021



Literacy

This term the class will be exploring the book 'The Princess and the Pea' by Lauren Child. They will explore and discuss what life is like as a royal and write a recount of what happens to the princess in the story. Later in the term, the class will read 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith and learn about letter writing. A very important skill when you're a royal!

In our spelling session we will be starting to use Jane Considine's brand new spelling scheme. Spelling will be taught in school during several sessions a week. Spellings will not be sent home and children will not be constantly working to memorise spellings for tests.

At the beginning of the term, we will focus on improving the children's dictionary and thesaurus skills in our grammar and punctuation sessions. Following this, we will move on to look at nouns phrases, conjunctions at the beginning and within sentences, and year 4's will learn more about fronted adverbials.

There will be weekly reading comprehension sessions on a Friday.

German

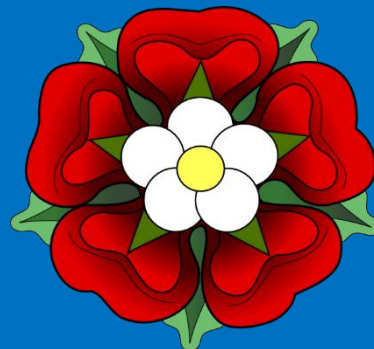
German lessons will be taught by Frau Schelts, and where possible will be linked to our topic work.

Maths

As always, our first maths topic will be Place Value. It is vital that children have a good solid understanding of numbers and their value before moving on to calculations. We will use manipulatives and visual resources to establish the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000 before moving on to addition and subtraction later in the term.

Science

Our science topic for this term is 'Animals Inc. Humans'. We will start by studying the nutrition needs of humans and how we can achieve a healthy diet. The class will then explore different types of skeletons and discover how our muscles work.



Humanities

Our class topic will challenge the children to research our country's past and discover the family tree of our own royal family. Starting with William the Conqueror and the Norman conquest, the class will learn about how history was recorded, the importance of the Magna Carta, how the 'United Kingdom of Great Britain' was formed, and the importance of the 'British Empire'. Children will also have the opportunity to explore and share their own family history if they wish.

Art/Design

Going back in history, the class will begin their artist studies by researching the work and influence of William Morris. They will endeavor to discover why his opulent designs were so popular.

In design sessions, children will design and make their own bookmark using cross-stitch.

Music

In Music, we will be listening to building themed songs to allow children to explore how music can be structured to provide different textures. Children will use layers and rondo structure to combine ostinati played on body percussion and tuned instruments.

Computing

This term our computing topic is, 'We are Network Engineers'. Children will explore computer networks to discover how information is passed on to different hardware and how information is passed around the internet and on around the world!

RE

Using the 'Understanding Christianity' scheme of work, children will explore the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'. Children will read passages from the bible and explore Christian belief in order to make links between what they have read, the beliefs of others, and their own thoughts and ideas.

PE

PE will be taught across two, one-hour sessions each week. These sessions will be planned by our Pacesetters sports coach Miss Emma. More information to follow