

ENGLISH

This term we will be looking at narrative character and setting descriptions. Our model text will be 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. The group will include key features e.g. paragraphs, alliteration, expanded noun phrases, prepositions, conjunctions, similes, thoughts, feelings and their senses within their independent writing. Towards the end of the term we will move onto instruction writing and using rhyming couplets within poems. In SPAG we will recap the use of expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, pronouns as well as continuing to spell the common exception words accurately.

PSHE

Our theme this half term is 'Drug Education'. The group will identify which drugs are most dangerous, where to get help and how to ask for help. They will also distinguish between safe and harmful and to know some substances can be harmful if misused. We will recognise how to make informed choices and understand that people have different attitudes to risk. As a group we will discuss rules for staying safe and we will read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' as part of our end of day story. The group will promote the British Values of Democracy through making decisions together and having a right to express their opinions by voting for their School Council members.

PE

PE will be every Wednesday morning in the school hall and the Leisure Centre. Area of activity will be football and hockey. Please ensure any piercings are removed for this session.

This term we are learning:

'POTIONS'

Autumn 1-Year 4

Mrs Bunting and Mrs Peach

COMPUTING- The group will explore the concept of repetition in programming using scratch where a set of instructions are repeated a set number of times. They will also explore the rings of responsibilities they have to themselves, friends and family both offline and online.

ART- They will complete an observational drawing of a potion bottle developing skills of tone, line and shape and identify what makes a drawing look 3D.

DT- The group will design and construct a potion or perfume bottle using clay. They will research and design bottles to suit a particular purpose and develop their skills of coiling to construct their bottles. (waterproof, materials, absorbent, repel)

HISTORY- The group will research the historic use of potions and what was William Morton known for?

MUSIC- Dimensions and percussion.

SPANISH- Welcome to school (rooms in a school and classroom objects).

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is 'What is the trinity and why is it important for Christians?' The group will observe and consider different dimensions of religion, so that they can explore and show understanding of similarities and differences between different religions and world views.

MATHS

For the first four weeks the group will focus on number and place value. They will be taught to count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1,000. They will order, compare and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000. We will be able to identify and estimate using different representations as well as solving practical problems and being able to read Roman numerals. For the last three weeks the group will focus on addition and subtraction using formal written methods, inverse operations and solving two-step problems. The group will continue to practise their times tables both orally and on TT Rockstars daily alongside Doodle Maths. Please let us know if your child requires a new login.

SCIENCE

The group will explore states of matter and what it means for a substance to be a solid, liquid or gas and how they change as they transition between states when heated/cooled. The group will develop knowledge of evaporation and condensation, and the part they play in the water cycle. They will have the opportunity to carry out practical investigations e.g Is custard a liquid? Are all liquids runny?