**Religious Education**

Our key question in RE this half term is ‘Why is light an important sign at Christmas?’. The children will be learning about the different ways in which light is used as a sign at Christmas, about the significance of Jesus as the light of the world and that light is used in other religions but in specific ways to convey diverse meanings.

**D.T**

Our unit for Design and Technology for this half term is textiles. The children will be learning how to cross-stitch and appliqué when designing and making a cushion.

**P.E**

P.E will be on **Tuesdays and Fridays.** On Tuesdays, we will be doing fitness where we will be doing a range of circuits focusing on different parts of our body. On Fridays, we will be doing hockey where we will focus on different skills which include passing, dribbling, stick and ball familiarisation and shooting.

**Science**

In Science, our unit for this half term is States of Matter. We will be learning how to compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, investigating gases and their uses, investigating how heating and cooling can change a material’s state and finishing our unit with describing the different stages of the water cycle by creating a model of the water cycle.

**Maths**

In Maths, in our multiplication and division unit, we will be looking at the 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11 and 12 times tables, multiplying by 1 and 0 and dividing a number by 1 and itself. In measurement, we will be looking at area.

**French**

In French, we will be learning about French adjectives of colour, size and shape. The children will learn how to recognise and name colour words, describe shapes by their colour and size and use shapes like the French artist, Matisse.

**Computing**

In computing, our unit is Creating Media – stop-frame animations. We will be using a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. The children will apply those skills to create a story-based animation. The unit will conclude with the children adding other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

**Home support**

Reading – The children will bring home a ‘free read’ book home from school. The children have all been given a reading record where any reading at home can be recorded.

**Geography**

Our geography unit for this half term is Settlements and Trade. The children will be answering key questions each week including what is a settlement and what do early settlers need? What makes a good settlement site? Who built our settlements and how are settlements linked? The unit will end with the children designing their own settlement.

**English**

Our English for this half term is based around the book ‘Leon and The Place Between’ by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be learning how to use conjunctions and adverbs to express time, place and cause, indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns and recognising the difference between plural and possessive ‘s’. Our writing outcome will be to write Leon’s secret diary about what really happened in ‘the place between’.

We hope that you have had a lovely half term and are ready for a busy second half to the Autumn term! If you have any questions about the upcoming term, please see us at the classroom door at the end of the day.

Miss Nagington (Class teacher)

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