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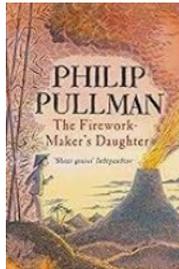
information on this sheet will give you a brief overview of some of the activities we will be doing this half-term across the curriculum. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions, or can offer any support.



English

This half-term, we are focusing on *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. We will complete two big wites this half-term. For the first three weeks, we will be focusing on writing our own persuasive argument. We will explore the positives and negatives of fireworks before taking part in a class debate. Throughout these 3 weeks, we will focus on a range of grammar, including modal verbs, fronted adverbials and conjunctions to build arguments.

For the remainder of the half-term, we will focus on writing a diary entry from the point of view of one of the characters in the story. We will explore the feelings of different characters, describe settings from the story using a range of language devices and annotate example diaries.



Maths

During our Maths lessons, children will learn:

Decimals – Children will learn about tenths and hundredths. They will learn how to count, order and record decimals in different ways. They will learn how to round decimals to the nearest whole number and link tenths and hundredths with dividing by 10 and 100.

Money– Children will learn how to count and record in pounds and pence. They will make links between tenths and hundredths, and decimal notation for money. They will learn how to compare amounts of money by looking at significant digits, and by converting amounts from pounds to pence.

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Music

As a musician:

We will be learning to listen to and appraise the work of composer Florence Price. Children will explore pitch, rhythm and pulses within song and dance. They will learn to compose with different musical instruments (including an African drum – Djembe)



P.E.

We will explore shots on both sides of the body and attempt with confidence; introduction of forehand and backhand. Children will use a small range of hand skills working with a partner / small groups to return a served ball. We will play competitively with others and against others in modified games.



R.E.

In RE this half term our topic is 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?' In our RE lessons, we will be finding out about the impact that believing in Jesus can have on a Christian's life and how Jesus has inspired some examples of contemporary inspirational Christians. There will be many opportunities for discussion and collaboration.

P.S.H.E.

Our jigsaw topic for Spring 2 – Healthy Me! The children will look at how friendship groups are formed. They will reflect on their friendships; how different people make them feel and which friends they value the most. The children will consider smoking and alcohol, and how they can affect health. We will discuss peer pressure and how to deal with it.

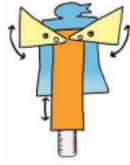


Visits and Visitors (Building our Cultural Capital) -

PE is every Thursday and Pinehurst PE kits should be worn to school on this day.

As a chef...

As a chef, we will be learning:



In cooking, food and nutrition we will be looking at seasonal food. We will learn where, and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. The children will build on their understanding, and apply the principles of, a healthy and varied diet. They will prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes safely and hygienically including, where appropriate, the use of a heat source. The children will use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping, slicing, grating, mixing and spreading.



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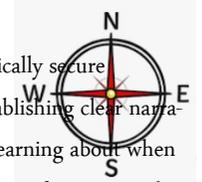
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This half-term our topics are...

As an historian...

As a historian, we will be learning:



The children will continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study by learning about when football became popular in Liverpool. They will use and create timelines to explain that both Everton and Liverpool F.C were formed during the Victorian times. They will research the development of each football club. Through research into life in Victorian Liverpool, the children will develop an understanding of why football became so popular in Victorian times

As a Linguist...

As a linguist, we will be learning:

To recognise and repeat animals and their habitats. We will write grammatically correct sentences describing the animals learned and where they live.

Hola!

We foster a love of learning
through our school motto of
'Experience, Excel, Enjoy'.

As a Scientist...

As a scientist, we will be learning:

Our topic for this half-term is sound. We will be covering 5 main areas, including how sounds are made, how sound travels, pitch and volume, how distance affects sound and the human ear.

We will have many opportunities to work scientifically through observing and measuring how sound travels, carrying out experiments to investigate how sound travels through materials and recording results.

