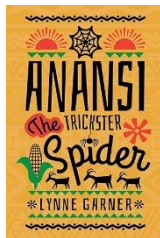




Welcome back, hope you had a lovely Half Term

English



In English, we will be exploring traditional folk tales such as *Anansi* and other animal stories where characters try to outsmart one another. We will also be creating our own animal-themed poetry.

In our non-fiction unit, we will be debating issues and writing persuasive arguments linked to our Geography and Science topics.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on:

- Fractions
- 2D and 3D Shapes
- Statistics

The children will also complete their Multiplication Tables Check this term, so please continue practising multiplication facts at home.

Geography

How can we look after our own rivers?

Starting with our educational visit from the Ribble River Trust, we will investigate the wildlife that lives in and around rivers and waterways. We will explore why it is important to care for our rivers and link this learning to our English work on debates and discussions.

We will also revisit our previous learning about the importance of the River Nile during our Ancient Egyptian topic, as well as our earlier Geography work on rivers around the world.

Science

How can we sort living things?

We will be learning how to group and classify living things, particularly wildlife found in and around water habitats.

PSHE

As part of the Happy Mind programme, we will be exploring the **Engage** unit.

Art

This term, we will be developing our printing skills by creating printing blocks and experimenting with ink techniques. Wassily Kandinsky's artwork *The Mirror* will inspire our work, which will also link to RE through the study of stained-glass windows found in churches.

Music

We will be preparing for our Rock Band performance and getting ready for Harris Fest.

French

Body Parts

Reminders

1.6.26 – 12.6.26: Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The children will complete their official multiplication test during this period. They have made fantastic progress and should be very proud of themselves. The test includes 25 questions, with 6 seconds to answer each one.

Celebration Board

In class, we have a celebration board where children can display their home learning and achievements. Children are welcome to bring in certificates or achievements from home to be photocopied and shared.

Toys and Personal Items

Toys, football cards, keyrings, jewellery and similar items should remain at home. This helps prevent items from being lost and ensures fairness amongst all pupils.

PE

Mr Ridge will be teaching PE on Wednesday afternoons. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit every Wednesday.

Communication

Please feel free to speak to us briefly at the classroom door before or after school if you have a quick message or concern.

Reading at Home

Please continue to read with your child every day. Children may choose books from our class library, which includes a wide range of shorter and longer texts. Please sign the reading diary to show that reading has taken place.

As the children are now becoming more fluent readers, it is often more beneficial to ask questions about the text rather than simply listening to them read. Questions about implied meaning, characters' thoughts and feelings, and predictions can be especially helpful in developing comprehension skills.



Home Learning

The half-term homework menu will be sent home shortly.

Weekly spellings and games can still be accessed through Spelling Frame.

Multiplications

Knowing multiplication tables is extremely important, as it helps children become more confident and fluent in many areas of Maths. Regular practice is the best way to learn these facts, and it can still be fun! Here are some ideas to try at home:

- Count in multiples while on the swings
- Practise during ball games
- Use hoops or dart boards for quick-fire questions
- Play board games involving times tables
- Include movement activities such as “Do 5×3 hops!”
- Create a multiplication treasure hunt
- Try sensory activities
- Use fun pens or whiteboards for quick practice sessions