What makes the fantasy genre special? KS1 Term 2 2026-27

Key Areas of Learning

As historians this term we will explore the significance of Florence Nightingale and what she achieved during her lifetime. We will look closely at the hospital conditions in Crimea before and under Florence's charge. We will also look at Mary Seacole and compare their achievements.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be exploring the text 'Jim and the beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. We will be continuing to focus on the key features of sentence writing, including using finger spaces, capital letters, and full stops correctly. We will also be looking at expanding our sentences using and, looking at sentence types and creating our own short narratives.

MATHEMATICS

Year 2 will start by looking at subtraction before revisiting shape and ending the term with multiplication and division.

Year 1 will begin the term by looking at numbers to 100. We will look closely at number structure before moving onto 3D shapes. We will continue to practise our number bonds within and to 10.

We will also practise our skip counting and fluency each lesson.

R.E.

We are going to be answering the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians & how do people celebrate it?'.

DT

This term we will be making moving pictures by creating our own mechanisms. We will look at sliders, wheels, flaps, levers and pivots.

READING AND PHONICS

Y2 children will begin reading fluency sessions exploring the text 'A twist of tales' by Julia Donaldson.

Children will continue with the twinkl phonics programme. Y1 will continue to learn their Level 5 sounds. Year 2s will continue learning level 6 sounds and spelling rules.

PE

In PE we will be taking part in a variety of circuit-based activities designed to develop agility, balance, coordination, strength and stamina. Through fun fitness challenges, they learn how exercise affects their bodies, work towards personal bests, and develop confidence, resilience and cooperation.

MUSIC

In Music we will learning about tempo using the unit 'Snail and the mouse'.

Computing

In Computing, we will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.

SCIENCE

We will be understanding the different seasons, identifying key seasonal changes and be completing an investigation into rainfall.

Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Awareness

We will also be observing the changes that happen to our site during the transition from Autumn into Winter. We will be adapting continuing to work on teamwork and communication during our play and through storytelling. We will also be completing different Play Projects to inspire us during Explore and Learn time. In PSHE we will be looking at what makes us special and unique. Y1s will be continuing to earn their DT license. We will also be rehearsing for our nativity 'The Haybale Hotel' and look forward to sharing this with you in December.