

Literacy

As part of our literacy topic this half term the children will be reading non-fiction texts about the city of London. They will learn about the famous tourist attractions and read the stories: **Katie in London** and **Claude in the City**. We will also be developing our inference skills when reading and writing for different purposes including about fictional personal experiences, poetry, non-fiction and real events. In Writing -link ideas and join sentences using conjunctions, including 'and' and 'because'; compose and write sentences to create short narratives; use features of different text types; read work to check for sense and begin to edit.

Art

In our art lessons the children will be making and decorating vehicles. The children will create collage pictures of places in London as part of their history work for example, London Bridge and Buckingham Palace.

Music

In music children will learn about pulse: how to physicalize pulse in different way, understand how sound can be represented by symbol and learn terminology related to tempo.

PE

During indoor PE we will be learning new dances and experimenting with movement and rhythm. Outdoor PE this term is athletics.

PSHE

As part of our 'Relationships' topic, the children will discuss how to make friends and how we can solve friendship problems when they occur. They will also talk about showing respect and how to help themselves and others when they are upset.

Mathematics

In maths we are starting to learn about multiplication and division. Children will begin the half term by recapping a range of addition and subtraction methods. They will also learn about counting forwards and backwards to 100 and recognising one more or less than any given number. We will practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and read and write numbers in words and digits. We will be using the language of equal to, more than, less than, add, subtract, multiply and divide. The children will be using their understanding of number to solve one step problems involving multiplication and division sums.

RE

The topic this half term is 'Holidays and Holy Days' and the children will understand that holidays are a time to be happy and holy days are special feasts within the Church's year. When learning about Pentecost, Children will investigate symbols of the Holy Spirit and how it can help to guide us. As we move onto the topic of being 'Sorry', we will look at making choices and how God helps us to make good choices and to be sorry when we have made the wrong choice.

History

This half term we will be learning all about the history of our bustling capital city. Bright Lights, Big City will develop the children's knowledge of London's key landmarks, its transport and the Royal Family, as well as contrasting places and events that have shaped its past.

Geography

In geography we will continue to explore maps of the local area as well as looking at London Street and tube maps. We will be using Google Earth to show how built-up London is compared with smaller towns and villages. We will be teaching the children about directions focusing on North, South, East, West and right and left. We will discuss the local area and city of London landmarks.

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Science This term we will be learning about plants. Children will explore the outdoor area of school and look at plants that are growing. We will try to identify them and discuss what they will look like when they are fully grown. We will also explore unusual plants growing in the Amazon Rainforest.

Homework will be given out on Friday. All work needs be returned by the following Wednesday. PLEASE **ensure that all homework is completed neatly**. Your child should be reading and practising their spellings regularly too.