



English

Our writing this half term takes us on an exploration of persuasive writing (non-fiction) and stories about circuses. We will be reading *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie and using this as inspiration for our own circus themed story. We will be creating our own settings and use language to create vivid pictures in readers' heads.

As well as reading *The Nowhere Emporium*, we will be reading fantasy stories in Guided Reading sessions.

In SPaG, we will be looking at modal verbs and adverbs, words with prefixes and suffixes and developing our use of a variety of punctuation.

Maths

Our Maths learning this half term will be focused on fractions, multiplication and division, and geometry. We will be looking at equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions; written methods for multiplication and using a protractor to draw and measure angles.

We will be continuing to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills through challenges in lesson time.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is Hope – where we look forward to Christmas. We think about the importance of waiting and living in hope for the coming of Jesus. We will also think about the importance of Advent in our own lives and in the eyes of the church.

We will also spend some time celebrating other faiths by learning a little more about Judaism.

Geography

This half term our focus is on Geography and we will be spending time looking at different climate zones around the world.

Alongside this, we will be building on our general knowledge of the world (its cities, countries, landmarks).

Science

We will continue our learning about the properties and changes in materials.

We will then move on to looking at Animals and Humans – how we change as we grow.

Music

In Music this half term, we will be continuing our time spent listening and appraising songs, but by female artists of the past few decades. We will also be learning the songs for our Christmas performance.

Computing

In Computing, we will be using laptops this half term to improve our laptop skills – using the internet for research, word processing and creating a PowerPoint.

PE

Our PE focus this half term will be on fundamental movements – jumping, throwing and catching, movement and balance. Each week, we will take a different skill to focus on and use this learning to improve over time. We will be able to talk about how we have improved over time.

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How can you help at home?

Reading – please continue to listen to your child read and fill in their reading journal. Encourage your child to read every night: 10 minutes before bed is an ideal time.

Spelling – children will be given spellings every week, please help children to learn these spellings in time for their test on a Monday.

Maths – support us by ensuring children complete their MyMaths homework online. Practise of times tables and number bonds is also very helpful!