

## English

We are learning about Traditional tales this term, where they originated from and why. We will focus on the children's ability to retell them, along with ensuring the children understand the structure and language features in preparation for them to write their own.

Then moving onto 'scary stories' where the children will learn how to write in descriptive detail using expanded noun phrases to provoke a particular emotion in the reader.

Finally, the children will write a set of instructions based on their process of creating the pretzels in DT.

We have a few grammar focuses this term which will link into each piece of writing the children do. These are: using inverted commas correctly, apostrophes for contractions & pronouns.

## Science

Our new topic is 'Changing States'. The children will learn the properties of a solid, liquid and gas. They will also investigate how to change one substance into another by various processes including heating and cooling. To finish the children will learn about the water cycle and the changes which occur.

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We are looking at 3 countries in depth within Europe: Germany, Norway and the Czech Republic. We will link this in with Traditional Tales as part of our English work.

## Maths

Children will be learning specific names for lots of 2D shapes including particular types of triangles (e.g. equilateral) and quadrilaterals (e.g. trapezium). They will also identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes.

We will look at coordinates and plot points on a coordinate grid.

For number work, we will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 before looking at rounding decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.

We will learn our 6x, 9x tables and 11x tables this half term which will also include division facts.

Finally, we will practise reading, writing and converting times between analogue and digital 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.

## Computing

Children will continue to use and develop their presentation skills using 'Comic Life' on the iPads. They will consider how to keep themselves safe whilst using ICT.

## RE

With a focus on Christianity, children will consider which is the most significant part of the Nativity story.

## PSHE

We will be looking at 'Celebrating Differences' between people and appreciating that we're all different.

## Geography & History

Children will look at the 3 focus countries and consider their physical features (mountains, population and land). We will look at some of the style of castles and create our own design. In Munich and Prague, there are special mechanical clocks and children will design their own clock. We will contrast the climate of Norway and the UK.

## PE

In Class PE, we will be doing a variety of circuits activities with the aim of improving our fitness. With Mr Barnett, children will develop their basketball skills.

## DT

We will create savoury pretzels as they originated in Europe. Children will design and bake their savoury pretzels before evaluating the taste and its suitability.

## Reminders

Look out for a date (yet to be confirmed) for our Maths parent workshop.  
Inset day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – school will be closed for children.