

English

Children will begin the term by focusing on train poetry. They will study rhythm, onomatopoeia, alliteration and syllabic structure and how this contributes to the performance of a poem. We will then apply this knowledge when children are given the opportunity to write their own train poems.

We will also be learning about instructions and linking this to our work in DT. Children will look at the features of instructions and recipes. This will include time conjunctions, imperative verbs and layout. After studying a range of instructions and recipes, we will be producing our own instructions for making a pasta.

The term will finish with the children imagining they are Victorian town planners. They will be discussing and writing persuasive adverts encouraging people to move to the expanding town of Swindon.

Science

Our topic this term is electricity. The children will learn about electrical safety, how to make a working circuit along with how to draw a circuit with the correct symbols. They will also learn about insulators and conductors along with completing lots of practical investigations.

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Expanding Swindon, is our new topic. We will delve back into history to look at the railway coming to Swindon and how that impacted the town. The children will also learn about why Swindon continues to grow now.

Maths

We will be focusing on consolidating our quick recall of the 9x table and will then begin to learn our 12x table later in the term.

Our other arithmetic focuses will be ordering decimal numbers and using the method of rounding and adjusting to add and subtract numbers, including those with decimals.

We will begin the term by delving deeper into decimals. Small steps of learning will include rounding, ordering and comparing decimals. Children will then have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of place value up to 10,000 and apply this learning in a wider variety of contexts. Children will also be learning how to calculate and convert units of measure, including money, and how to find angles and lines of symmetry in 2d shapes.

Computing

This term the children will be completing crash-course in spreadsheets and will use vocabulary such as 'cell', 'row', 'column' and 'formula.' They will be colouring cells, entering data, calculating sums and drawing graphs.

RE

With a focus on Judaism again, children will learn about the feast of Passover and the reason why it is celebrated.

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Dreams and goals' where the children will be thinking about what they want to achieve from their immediate and long term future.

Geography & History

We are looking at the coming of the railway to Swindon and the impact it had on the town. The children will be looking at a range of things including; maps of Swindon before and after the railway and censuses from the early 1900s showing the jobs people used to do. We will learn about why people now move to Swindon from within the country and abroad. The children will also look at the development of new areas in the town before having a go at designing their own.

PE

In Class PE, the children will be learning different techniques in gymnastics. With Mr Barnett, children will develop their hockey skills.

DT

Our focus for Design and Technology this term will be food that would have been easy to transport and eat for manual workers in the Victorian era. Children will investigate, design and make their own pasties that would have been suitable to take to work on the railways.

Reminders

We are in the process of booking a trip to Steam museum to link with our topic – look out for a letter confirming the date soon.