

ENGLISH:

This half term, we will be exploring *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt. We will learn about the different characters and their personalities before writing our own character descriptions. We will then use *The Day the Crayons Came Home* as inspiration to write a simple narrative. We will also have fun creating our own colour poems. Finally, we will research the illustrator, Oliver Jeffers, and create an interesting fact file to share what we have discovered about his life and work. We will start to teach Level 6 phonics daily and revisit correct letter formation in our handwriting sessions.

MATHEMATICS:

The children will learn to:

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones).
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line.
- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward.
- Add 2-digit and 1-digit numbers together
- To subtract from 2-digit numbers

SCIENCE:

In Science the children will be learning about materials and their properties. They will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.

We will learn all about how materials can be recycled in different ways and about the effect of rubbish on our environment.

Our key scientist for this half term is John McAdam and our science skill is questioning.

COMPUTING:

This term in computing the children will be exploring animation and creating a story based on some of the characters in *The Day the Crayons Quit*. They will use software to take a series of photographs and put them together to create their animation. The children will also add sound effects to enhance their animation and bring it to life! Once their animation is complete the children will have the opportunity to watch their video and evaluate it. We will also use a range of software to create a database linked to data collected from other areas of the curriculum. We will continue to embed our online safety with a focus on online reputation.

GEOGRAPHY:

In geography the children will be revising the countries, capital cities and seas surrounding the UK. They will build on this knowledge by learning the names of the continents and oceans of the world and using a range of maps and atlases to find the places they have learnt about.

HISTORY

This half term the children will revisit their Year 1 learning including the skills they learnt. They will order a timeline, discuss a source and revise the topics they learnt about.

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PSHE:

In PSHE we will start Year 2 by discussing why 'Rules Matter' and learning the school rules that are in place to ensure we all are safe and happy in school. Children will have opportunities to appreciate and celebrate differences and similarities between themselves and to experience how supportive it feels to belong to, and be valued by, the class group. They will have opportunities to develop empathy for others and think of ways to support them.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY:

In DT, we will learn how sewing can be used to join materials. Children will research different uses of sewing before designing and creating their own 'Stitches' book. They will learn running and cross stitch, sew embellishments onto the cover, and finally evaluate their finished work.

ART:

The children will revisit the Year 1 art learning. We will talk about how to create different tones using pencils and how they applied these skills when drawing portraits last term.

PE:

The focus of our lessons this half term will be PE fundamentals such as running, speed, agility, dodging, balancing, jumping, hopping and skipping.

The children will learn and explore these skills to develop strong foundations which will then be used in a range of contexts throughout the year.

At the same time, the children will be developing social skills such as collaboration and turn taking, as well as the emotional skills of determination, self-regulation, honesty and perseverance.

MUSIC:

This half term Year 2 children will learn how to hold and play the recorder. They will learn how to place their fingers and blow correctly to make the notes B, A and G and to play a simple tune. The children will learn how to read the standard notation for a crotchet rest and play simple tunes which include crotchet rests. They will continue to practise singing during singing assemblies. They will also learn new songs to perform during our Harvest Celebration.

RE:

The enquiry question in RE will be, 'Who is Jesus?'. We will discuss what the children know about Jesus already and what stories or accounts they have heard. The children will learn that Jesus was a historical figure from a Jewish background. They will also learn some of the beliefs held by those with Christian worldviews. Children will learn that what is contained within sacred texts often shapes how people choose to live their lives and sacred texts therefore have some power. Later in the term we will celebrate the Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene's Church.