

In the Autumn term we focus on English, Mathematics and Science. However we also make links with other curriculum areas. In the first half of this term we study a class novel called Kensuke's Kingdom. It is about a boy who becomes shipwrecked on an island. We use this idea to develop our Geography skills. We also make links with Design and Technology.

In the second part of the Autumn term we study Rivers as part of the Geography curriculum. We research all aspects of Rivers, from their features to famous rivers of the world. We participate in a trip to Lee Valley which includes a River Walk and some orienteering.

LITERACY

- Writing – Children will read, analyse and write in these styles: Recount, Report, Instruction, Persuasion, Argument and Narrative.
- Reading skills: weekly comprehension and individual reading.
- Study of a class novel: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.
- Spelling: revision of all spelling rules
- Speaking and listening skills through discussion and presentation.

NUMERACY

Children will build upon their skills in Numeracy in the following areas:

- Using and applying
- Counting and understanding number
- Knowing and using number facts.
- Understanding shape
- Measuring
- Handling data.

You could help your child by helping them convert between different units of length, capacity and weight - how many mm in a cm, or how many cm in a metre. How many mls in a litre, quarter of a litre etc. Practical activities such as building and cooking really help children to understand measurement.

SCIENCE

More About Dissolving

Investigating filtering and solutions. Separating salt and sand for example.

Reversible and Irreversible Changes

Recognising whether a change is physical or chemical.

Forces

Children will study the following areas in their forces topic: gravity, upthrust, air resistance, friction, They will represent forces using arrow diagrams.

ICT

- Searching the internet for information.
- Word processing.
- Spread sheets using formula.
- Multi-media presentations

GEOGRAPHY

- Map reading skills
- Continents and Countries of the world
- Capital cities
- Latitude and Longitude
- River Environments.

TECHNOLOGY

- Making a Fair Trade Feast
(Cooking)

RE

- Islam – 5 Pillars of Islam
- The Hajj

ART

- Landscapes: looking at the work of the Japanese artist Hokusai.

PE

- Fitness circuit
- Tag Rugby
- Basketball

MUSIC

- Songs and music linked to festivals and productions.

PSHE

- Making a Positive Contribution
- Relationships with others.

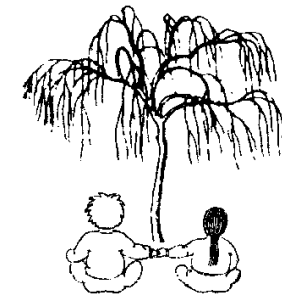
HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

- Check that your child is completing their homework on Mathletics and Spellodrome. They should be spending at least 30 minutes on each per week. Mathletics and Spellodrome need to be completed on a weekly cycle and will be monitored each Monday morning at 9am.
- Encourage your child to read to you at least two or three times a week. **Please do comment in their reading diary when they read to you.**
- Do talk about what they have read to check recall and understanding.
- Help your child to retain their multiplication tables.
- Support your child in doing their projects. Help them to find age appropriate sites with clear information. Help them recognise which sites are useful and which may be too complicated or involved.

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