

English

In reading, we will be studying the fiction text 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. For our non-fiction unit, we will be exploring 'The Travel Book' by Lonely Planets. We will also be studying the poem 'How the Leaves Came Down'.

In writing, we will be exploring what a narrative poem is and creating our own. We will also be writing an adventure narrative based on the book Cosmic and a diary entry.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop our skills in addition and subtraction. We will use practical resources to help with our understanding of the subtraction column method. We will then move onto multiplication and division and learn new methods to solve these calculations.

Science

Our topic in science this term is forces. Through a range of practical investigations, we will find out about friction, gravity, air resistance and water resistance. We will also learn about a range of mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears.

Geography

Through our geography learning, we will be studying North and South America. First, we will learn about the USA, followed by Brazil and Peru. When exploring these places, we will look at physical and human features. We will use atlases and Google Maps to help us to do this.

Art and Design

In our art and design work, we will be exploring the work of Paul Klee, focussing on a piece of artwork called 'Wild Water'. We will be creating lighter and darker shades of colour using paint, exploring different sizes of paint brush and recreating a piece of Paul Klee's work.

Design and Technology

In design and technology, we will explore beef and where this comes from. We will look at a range of bolognese recipes and then write our own. Finally, we will have a go at making our own bolognese.

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R.E.

In R.E., our focus religion this half term is Christianity. We will find out about Christian beliefs, what they do each day to show these beliefs and we will find out about their beliefs about life after death.

P.S.H.E.

Our Jigsaw topic this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'. As part of this, we will be exploring bullying and the impact this has; the meaning of racism and what to do if we encounter this; and exploring differences of children around the world.

P.E.

Elm Class will have their final swimming lesson in the first week of term. Cypress will then begin their swimming lessons from the second week. Elm Class will be learning about hockey during their P.E. lessons. We will also be learning about rhythm in our dance lessons where we will create our own dance routines.

Music

In music this half term, we will be looking at bossa nova and swing, which is a fusion of samba and jazz music. We will then try performing parts of this using glockenspiels and recorders. We will be building on our existing knowledge of the notes D, E, G, A and B.

M.F.L.

In German this half term, we will explore the buildings in a city and then learn to give simple directions. We will also design and describe a Christmas jumper using our new vocabulary.