

Literacy

In Literacy this half term. Van Gogh class will be exploring performance poetry by Julia Donaldson and fictional texts, such as the Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuis.

After the half term break there will be a focus on non-fiction texts, consisting of instruction writing and recipes.

Numeracy

Over the term we will continue to explore and embed a range of mathematical skills, including:

- grouping and regrouping
- practically and pictorially
- number bonds and their application
- time
- shape

Science

We will begin by exploring animal classification, including characteristic of animals and vertebrates and invertebrates. After half term the focus will move on to plants.

PSHE & RSE

Pupils will be focussing on diversity prejudice and bullying before moving on to healthy routines, puberty and personal boundaries.

Geography: Weather patterns and the continents as well as identifying key geographical features, both human and physical.

History: Changes within living memory which reveal changes in national life, including comparisons of holidays, toys, music etc.

RE: To compare Christianity and Judaism- explore prayer, scripture and sense of community.



Artists

Curriculum Overview

Spring Term Theme: 'Dino-roars'

Music & Drama

There will be a focus on using music to explore movement. We shall be listening to a range of African drum music and exploring technical aspects such as polyrhythms, tempo, timbre etc.

Art

Using the theme of dinosaurs, pupils will be exploring and developing a range of technical skill, such as colour mixing, sculpture and silhouettes.

Technology Carousel:

Design Tech: safety in the workshop including using basic tools to create a piece of work designed by themselves.

Food Tech: safety whilst following a series of simple recipes, such as fruit salad, cheese on toast, and hummus dip.

Computer Science: using chrome books, learning how to use own credentials as well as accessing the full Google suite of tools.

Mindfulness

Everyday Van Gogh have a daily mindfulness session. This is special time to relax and self-regulate.

Communication

In these lessons we will focus on the basic pre requisites of communication, such as active listening and appropriate responding through a range of games.

PE

Year 7 will be having fun exploring and engaging in a range of target and net games, such as table tennis before moving on to a gymnastic and movement unit after half term.

Pinewood Outdoors

Pupils will be continuing their outdoor learning by participating in bush craft activities, forest skills such as plant identification as well as fire safety!