

Mathematics

This term the children will be utilising their mental methods to support one and two step problem solving. They will be further securing their written methods of addition and subtraction using either the empty number line method or the expanded column methods. The children will be deepening their understanding of problem solving by discussing how they are growing as mathematicians and what they can do to develop their own learning through the use of resources and a wide range of written methods.

Home Learning: Times tables and securing number bonds to 20. Homework to be set at regular intervals relating to learning in class.

PE

This term we are going to be thinking about the skill of control and how we can use our bodies for all sorts of movements and different ways of travelling. This will be mainly in gymnastics; however we will carry on with team sports when the weather permits.

English

As our topic is about Malawi, the children will be looking at all sorts of cultural stories from Africa. They will be thinking about setting the scenes differently and how to write from another character's perspective. We will be focusing on SPaG throughout our lessons. This will involve ensuring the children are able to recognise word categories and understand the need to use different punctuation in our written work. We are also focusing on extending our sentences using a range of conjunctions and connectives.

Home Learning: Continue to practise cursive leads in and out to become ready for joined writing. Continue to read regularly at home and re-cap high frequency words. (These are available online.)

RE

In RE the children will be looking at the life of Jesus through some well-known Bible stories. They will be reflecting on some of the lessons told and how they can relate these to their own lives. This will also link to our school's Christian values.

Year 2 Term 3

Malawi

Uses of everyday materials

Music

The children will continue to learn a variety of songs, and accompany their singing using percussion instruments. They will play musical games that develop rhythmic, co-ordination and memory skills. The children will listen to a range of music, learning to recognise a wide range of instruments.

Science

We will be re-capping on some learning that took place in Year 1 and focusing on the uses of different materials that they see every day. They will be thinking about their purposes and why certain materials are better than others in different capacities, such as to prevent water entering etc.

Home Learning: Get the children to remind you about the materials they know such as wood, metal and plastic. What can these be used for and can they work in other ways? Could a book be plastic? Could a glove be paper?

SPaG and Phonics

The children will continue to look at speed sounds occasionally and will work with the phonemes knowledge they already have. This term and next the focus will be on their SPaG understanding. This will enable them to write interesting and complex sentences, including all of the required word categories, whilst using some interesting punctuation.

Topic

The topic is Malawi and the children will be fortunate enough to have a talk from Mrs Hardy, who visited Malawi a few years ago as a representative of our school. The children will be learning about the continents and contrasts between Malawi and the UK. We will make a Malawian dish and look at the utensils they use for learning and to help them to live. The children will make a clay pot in the Malawian style and look at the difference in our culture and theirs.

SMSC

Malawi and the water shortage will be a focus for Year 2. We will aim to think of our own way of raising funds for Water Aid as a class and to recognise the hardships that other people have to go through. We also want to celebrate the fact that the water shortage is not all over Africa and hopefully, eventually will be eradicated everywhere.

Italian

The children will keep practicing the numbers 1-20, colours, the Christian values of the school, body parts and greetings. They will also learn some animals' names and by listening to and singing 'Old Macdonald had a farm!'