

ENGLISH

Descriptive writing

Our topic is 'Street Detectives' so children will be comparing street scenes from now and the Victorian era. Children will also be writing about an imaginary journey down a Victorian high street.

Non-fiction

Chestnut class will be writing instructions about something they are very familiar with and then writing some instructions to help Little Red Riding Hood get safely home! As part of our topic, we will also be looking at features of advertising and writing our own property ad!

Poetry

The children will be looking at rhyme and then using that knowledge to plan and write their own poems.

Grammar

We will be revising nouns and then going on to look at commas, pronouns and apostrophes.

RE

Who Made the Wonderful World?

Children will learn about the Christian creation story. We will also be discussing what makes us precious and unique. We'll also be learning about Church, Harvest Festival and the natural world.

MATHS

We will begin the term by continuing with multiplication. We will be looking at equal groups of things and seeing how multiplication is more efficient than repeated addition. Ch will also be introduced to arrays and 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. Year 1s will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will then move onto division and revising children's knowledge of groups and sharing things equally. Y1s will focus on sharing things whilst Y2s will be taught to divide by 2, 5 and 10.

COMPUTING

We will be using our Chrome Books to help create a program for a robot to follow instructions.

We will also be using Word for the first time to write and print out our instructions.

Children will also use PowerPoint for the first time as they complete a presentation based on what they have learned during their 'Street Detectives' topic.

ART/D&T

Street Detectives

We will have an art focus looking at the 19th century painter LS Lowry. Each lesson focuses on improving a key skill in art and design; comparing works of art, colour mixing, perspective, drawing figures, drawing buildings and scissor skills. At the end of the unit children will have used their knowledge and skills to create a multimedia collage in the style of the artist. We will also be looking at the Story Mrs Armitage, Queen of the Road by Quentin Blake and using this to inspire some terrific drawings. Looking ahead to next half term we will be putting our design and technology skills to the test, designing and making various buildings for a street and some Easter craft activities.

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SCIENCE

Growing Up

We will be learning about babies and what they need to survive.

The children will also be comparing themselves with babies to understand how much they have changed and why.

We will also be conducting experiments to see what changes as you grow older and investigate whether older children have bigger heads!

We will also be interviewing an 'expert' about babies.

P4C/PSHE

Street Detectives

The children will be learning about the local community and how they are a part of it. We will be thinking about the local people who live in and look after our local community. We will conduct research on different jobs and write about why they are so important to us.

MUSIC

This half-term our music will be based around the rock song 'I Wanna Play In A Band', which has been written especially for children, by Joanna Mangona. In this song the children will learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble.

HUMANITIES

Street Detectives

We will be using maps to identify local landmarks and creating maps to show our journeys to school.

We will also be comparing modern day houses with those from medieval times and commenting on the differences.

We will also be taking a trip into the local area to conduct traffic surveys and identify different types of shops on the High Street.