

English

During English this half term, the children will look closely at the book 'The Pirates Next Door'. They will think about how it would feel to live next door to the pirates, creating for and against arguments for the pirates to stay in the neighbourhood. The children will then write letter to the pirates about how they feel since they have arrived. The children will focus on using a range of punctuation throughout their letter as well as using their neat cursive handwriting.

The children will then create their own pirates, they will use a range of adjectives, verbs and adverbs to create a detailed description of their pirate. After that, the children will look closely at the features of a diary entry and begin to write their own about their time at Dull-on-Sea. The children will then work on editing and improving their work.

Maths

Children will focus on multiplication and division this half term. They will begin by recap- ping equal groups and looking at multiplication as repeated addition. Children will use concrete resources and pictorial representations to understand the multiplication symbol. Work on doubles and odd and even numbers will also be covered. Children will begin to look at the concept of sharing as they recognise the link between multiplication, repeated addition and division. They will begin by sharing into equal groups before recording number sentences as divisions.

PE

Children will begin to negotiate the space around them, showing good awareness of the area and others. Children will be shown how to hold a hockey stick correctly, using two hands- this equipment will be used safely. Dribbling is a skill that they will develop and become increasingly confident and competent at. The push pass is a pass that they will practise. They will compete in games with peers, using their skills of dribbling and passing.

Science

Throughout Science this half term, we will focus on everyday materials. The children will investigate how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

The children will work scientifically, performing simple tests, gathering and recording data and asking questions. The children will be encouraged to use a range of scientific vocabulary.

French (MFL)

Children will recap previous learning: Saying hello and goodbye; saying/ asking someone's name/ asking How are you? This half term will focus on learning the colours in French.

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Music

I Wanna Play In a Band by Joanna Mangona is a rock song written especially for children. In this song you learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. They will play, *improvise and compose*, *listen and appraise classic Rock songs*.

RSE

Children will be able to understand the importance of respecting others, using manners and seeking permission. Children will also know what to do if someone is being bullied– reinforcing their understanding of trusted grown-ups.

Art/ Design

Our art will focus on Leonardo Da Vinci. We will look specifically at his drawing skills. Children will find out about his childhood and chosen career path before identifying the skills that he used with pencils: hatching and shading will be practised before using these ideas to create their own piece of art work. The final piece of art work will involve using the grid method to draw a hand.

Children will reflect on the design process to create a glove puppet, They will begin by evaluating existing puppets, working with different stitching methods and identifying how well the puppet works in relation to simple design criteria.



RE/ SMSC/ British Values/ PSHE

Throughout this unit, pupils will enquire into the qualities, roles and significance of leaders in religion. Examples are given from Christianity and Islam. Pupils will have the opportunity to focus on the impact of these leaders today. Children are encouraged to gain rich knowledge of the leaders and to raise important questions, such as 'Who was the Prophet Muhammad and why do people follow him today?' 'What can we learn from Jesus?'

This unit is intended to enable pupils to develop their skills in enquiry and to encourage pupils to think for themselves about who and what influences and inspires their and others' lives.

Our Christian Value is Peace This will form the focus for our Collective Acts of Worship and children will be given opportunities to reflect on their learning.



In Geography, children will learn the city, country and continent that we live in. They will use atlases to look at maps of the United Kingdom, Europe and the World. Children will build upon previous knowledge of continents (naming them). They will use atlases to find the 7 continents. Children will learn the 5 oceans and be able to locate them on a map. They will look at different continents in more detail – What is the weather like? Which animals live there? Etc
Looking at a range of maps, children will use compass directions to explain features.

Note– All of these activities are suggested and what we hope to cover over the course of this half term.