

Literacy

Key Text:

The Three Aliens and the Big Bad Robot by Margaret McNamara (carried over from last term)

Purpose for writing: Defeat the Monster Story

Writing: Our specific focus in this unit will be endings and story cohesion. Using the story of 'The Three Aliens and the Big Bad Robot' as a stimulus the children will learn to write their own story by innovating on the characters using their own ideas. The Year 1 children will learn how to sustain narrative within longer pieces of writing and the Year 2 children will learn how to develop cohesion by using the present and past tenses correctly and consistently.

Grammar: The Year 1 children will learn how to join words and clauses using 'and'. Year 2 will focus on using adverbs in their writing.

Word Reading / Comprehension: As always, we will continue to build our vocabulary using specific words from the text. We will develop our ability to make predictions based on what we have read and infer from the text as well as pictures.

Art/DT

Focus: Textiles—Weaving and Dyeing

In this unit the children will become familiar with and join in with some traditional Kenyan Arts. Children will be learn to weave natural materials into a large outdoor weaving structure, They will be able to find and use suitable natural materials and discuss their technique. Following on from this, the children will experiment with tie dye to create an under the sea scene.

PHSE

Focus: It's My Body

The It's My Body unit explores choices that children can make about looking after their bodies. The lessons look at key areas where children can make safer choices: their body, sleep and exercise, diet, cleanliness and substances. Children will learn facts about each of these areas and learn strategies to manage them.

Class: Ash
Term: 5

Computing

Focus: Word Processing Skills

In this unit, the children will learn how to create a talking book that they can share with others. We will start by evaluating examples of audio books then go on to plan our own audio version of a familiar story. The children will be able to practise using a microphone/audio recorder and learn how to import clips of audio to PowerPoint.

Quest: The Seas Between Us

The quest this term is Geography based. We will begin this unit with a 'taste of Kenya' day in which the children will be introduced to Kenya, the country that we will be learning about. We will be finding out about the differences between our urban locality (Corby) and a rural Kenyan village. The aim of our quest will be for the children to write a letter to a school child of a similar age in Kenya describing our locality. Following this, we will move onto find out about the 5 oceans of the world and what lies beyond them.

Music

Focus: Your Imagination

This unit of learning will be based around the song 'Your Imagination'. We are very fortunate this term to have a musician in residence (Mark the Music Man) who will be leading our music sessions for us. As in each unit, the children will be able to listen to and appraise the song as well as listening for the pulse.

PE

Focus: Physical Skills

In this unit the children will be practising their sending and receiving skills. They will learn to move confidently in lots of different ways and perform a range of skills with control and consistency. The children will also be taking part in tennis lessons once a week run by Corby Tennis Centre.

Maths

Year 1—Multiplication & Division

Children will revisit counting in 2s, 5s before moving on to counting in 10s. They will learn to make and add equal groups before learning how to make arrays. Following on from this, the children will find out how to make doubles in practical ways before learning how to record this abstractly. They will also learn how to make equal groups by sharing and how to make equal groups by grouping.

Year 2—Fractions

Lots of the learning for this unit will be through play-based activities. The children will begin by making equal parts. They will learn how to find a half, a quarter, a third and three quarters. They will learn about equivalent fractions, unit fractions and non-unit fractions. All of this learning will be formalized and built upon in Year 3.

Science

Focus: Animals including humans (Animal focus)

In this unit the children will learn about the different types of animals and be able to classify them accordingly. They will be able to describe the distinguishing features of animals and compare their structures. They will learn to discuss what animals need to survive and their basic needs. The children will also learn how pet owners look after their pet. They will even have the opportunity to tell their 'customers' how to look after their pet in our role play pet shop!

RE

Focus: What is the 'good news' that Jesus brings?

By the end of this unit the children will be able to recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about how to behave and be able to link Bible stories to this. They will be able to give at least two examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless.