

Class: Hawthorn
Term: 3

Literacy

Key Text: The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman, The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg

Purpose for writing: Non-narrative: diary writing, Narrative: descriptive focus. We will be using our focus on diary writing to write some diaries about the Greeks and writing diaries about their significant events. We will also be then writing focusing upon description in our persuasive writing. This will mean that the children will look at great examples of setting descriptions and use this to help to build their own descriptive writing.

Grammar: We will begin our grammar lessons this term by looking at prepositions, allowing children to identify and use them in writing. We will then do some work on coordinating conjunctions and inverted commas. After this we will be looking at punctuating parenthesis through the use of brackets. Other topics will include: commas, adverbials, determiners, subordinating conjunctions and finally reported speech.

Word Reading / Comprehension: As part of our reading this term, we will be looking at a range of our reading VIPERS: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary.

Computing

Focus: Spreadsheets Children are given an understanding of spreadsheets and how they can be used. Children learn skills in formatting and entering specific formulas and include investigative skills in using the spreadsheet to solve specific problems.

Quest: The Greeks

In this quest, children will be finding out all about the ancient Greeks and their culture. They will be discovering about Greek legends, comparing the different Greek city states, Greek religion and gods, The Olympic games and the Greek influence on the world. We are hoping to complete our quest with a Greek themed evening.

History

Focus: The Greeks

During this history unit, we will be looking at Ancient Greece and finding out about the lives and cultures that were involved. During the unit, we will begin by finding out who the Ancient Greeks were. We will also find out the names of the different city states and make comparisons between the ways of life in places such as Olympia, Sparta and Athens. After this we will be finding out about the Ancient Greek belief systems including identifying a number of the different gods and how religion influenced the lives of Greek people. Children will then discover about the history of the Olympic Games and what happened in the early days of the games. Children will have fun finding out about the Ancient Greek myths and the characters that are involved in the stories. Finally, we will be finding out about the influence that Ancient Greece has had on the world, such as through inventing democratic government.

Music

Focus: Make you Feel my Love All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Make You Feel My Love. During the unit, children will listen to and appraise the song and compare to similar songs. They will get the chance to perform and improvise with the song and also complete some composing based on it.

PE

Focus: Social Skills In this unit, children will have the opportunity to, through a range of activities and sports, develop their social skills in PE. Over the unit, they will be focusing upon: co-operating well with others and giving helpful feedback and also organizing roles and responsibilities in games.

PHSE

Focus: Diverse Britain This unit is inspired by the idea that Britain represents diversity and that the structures within it are there to support all. It aims to enable the children to identify how they can make a positive contribution to the community.

Art

Focus: Greek themed art

In this unit, children will be allowing Ancient Greek art to inspire their work. The children will be specifically focusing on 3D work and using the Greek statues to inspire their own statues, including using the work of modern day sculptures to create their own modern versions of the Greek gods in 3D.

Maths

Year 5 Multiplication and Division: in this unit, children will be beginning by multiplying by 1 digit numbers. This will then move onto children multiplying by 2 digit numbers. Finally, children will practice dividing 2,3 and 4 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. **Fractions** The rest of the term will be taken by beginning our fractions unit. In this unit, the children will be what a fraction is and the equivalence between different fractions. They will then look at improper fractions and mixed numbers and discover how to convert between the two. Finally we will work on comparing and adding fractions.

Year 6 Fractions we still have to finish our work on fractions off this term so we will be doing some work on multiplying and dividing fractions and also some work on finding a fraction of an amount. **Position, Direction and Movement** in this topic, the children will be exploring using the four quadrants to discuss the position of objects. They will also discuss how this will then affect the position when the shapes are reflected and translated. **Decimals** In this unit, children will learn about decimal place value, multiplying and dividing decimals and relationship between decimals and fractions. **Percentages** In this unit, children will be able to compare fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also find the percentage of an amount.

Science

Biology: Animals including Humans

Children will learn to represent circuits using symbols in a diagram. They will learn about two of the most important scientific inventors in the field of electricity – Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. We will also look at the ancient Greeks understanding of electricity. Children will get the opportunity to develop their understanding of what electricity is and how to measure it. As well as conducting their own investigation, they will get the opportunity to create their own torch!

Working Scientifically: Children will be learning to report findings from a scientific enquiry and applying scientific evidence.

RE

Focus: Christianity: What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving? In this unit, children will look at the concept of holiness and what this means in the context of god. They will also look at the idea that 'god is love' and explore what that means for Christians.

French

Focus: This is France

This 'This is France!' unit will teach the children key vocabulary related to France and, in particular, Paris. They will learn specific vocabulary to describe France's neighbours and positions/distances of a variety of cities and also the French names for various landmarks.