

Spring Term 1 Overview—Hawthorn Class—2023/24

Literacy

Key Text: The Canal

Purpose for writing: This term in our literacy unit we will be creating a fiction text that is used for creating an atmosphere. The children will first use the model text to explore the features and language, with comprehension activities based around this. They will have the opportunity to practice the techniques that are used and also use the sentence structures to support them in making their own versions. After this we will use the structure of the original text to create a class version with the children creating their own versions closely linked to the class version before finally creating an independent piece of atmospheric writing.

Grammar: One of our focuses this term will be about different types of punctuation and how to use them in sentences. This will include reviewing speech punctuation and also the children being introduced to new types of punctuation such as colons and semi colons and how they should be used instead of commas.

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 and blogging
 In our spreadsheets unit, the children will be using spreadsheets to create formulas, and also investigate probability. They will also use them to investigate saving and spending. The next unit of the term, the children will explore blogging— looking at how it is used, what its purpose is and how to create successful blogs.

Quest: The Romans

In this quest which is split over the whole term, the children will be finding out about the Romans, both as invaders and settlers in the country. They will explore what life was like for the Roman people and the army and then discover about the impact that it made upon life in Britain. We will then be using our knowledge of the Roman empire spreading to do a study of Europe in geography and also in our Dt creating some Italian themed food.

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 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 learn the common equivalent values of a number of fractions, decimals and percentages and be able to automatically retrieve many whilst knowing how to calculate those they don't. They will also find the percentage of an amount.

History

Focus: The Romans as invaders
 This term in our history we begin our study of the Romans by exploring them as invaders. We will begin by finding out about who the Romans were and what their life style was like. We will explore the societal hierarchies and compare that to other cultures that we have discovered in our history— including life for the gladiators! We will look at the systems of government and also what the Roman beliefs were. We will then find out more about the Roman army and life within it. We will explore the spread of the Roman empire and also why this was so successful, finishing with their invasion of Britain, thinking about why the Romans decided to invade Britain. Next half term we will then move onto the impact that the Romans had on Britain and how life changed with them.

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.

Science

Physics: Earth and space This unit is the only Astronomy related science unit in the primary science curriculum. The aim is to give children a basic overview of Earth and its place in our Solar System. By the end of the unit, the children should be able to: describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as spherical; name the planets in the solar system independently; explain that day and night is due to rotation of Earth; support the idea that places on Earth experience night and day at different times with evidence; explain how the Moon moves relative to Earth **Working Scientifically:** Children will learn to report findings from a scientific enquiry and applying scientific evidence.

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.

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.

Art

Focus: Drawing and painting— portraits.
 In art this term we will be mainly focusing upon the skills that it takes to create portraits. During their drawing work they will concentrate on the skills such as blending, direction, shade, tones, mark making and tone building and then they will practice creating emotion by using careful placement and angles of features. The children will then take this a step further with painting and creating colour pallettes for effect.

PHSE/RSE

Focus: Dreams and Goals in this unit, the children will be looking at personal goals, both in and out of school and also exploring recognizing success and celebrating it both in themselves and in others.

Foreign Languages

Focus: At the cafe In this unit children will learn how to order both food and drinks from a French menu, focusing upon their likes and dislikes. They will learn how to order typical French snacks and also how to ask for the bill. They will remember how to say hello, goodbye, please and thank you.