

### Literacy

This half term we be exploring poetry and the quest tale 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton.

We will explore rhythm and rhyme to create a piece of poetry based on the movement of a river. Children will also deepen their understanding of quest stories and discover what makes them so gripping! They will explore effective vocabulary to create suspense and different sentence types to help them develop their own writing and draw the reader in. Eventually, they will be given the opportunity to do some suspense writing and create their very own quest story.

We will continue to focus on developing reading and comprehension skills through a variety of different tasks.

### Maths

In Maths, times tables knowledge will continue to be a focus throughout the half-term. Children will understand and manipulate the multiplicative relationships. They will investigate factors and products of numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Children will also look at the relationship between multiplying and dividing. They will also apply these skills to scale factors to make something ten times bigger or smaller than something.

### RE

Our topic this half-term is 'Traditional stories of Hinduism'. Children will explore the significance of Hindu for practising Hindus and appreciate their meaning and significance.

### French

This half-term our topic in French is Goldilocks. We will learn to listen attentively to a whole familiar fairy tale in French. They will then attempt to re-tell a familiar fairy tale in French using a mini book for support.

### Art

Children will be exploring the work of Picasso. They will create their own chalk and pastel interpretations of Picasso's work.

### Music

This term or focus on rap and performance poetry inspired by the song 'Stop!'. The children will have the opportunity to write their own pieces of music.

### PE

Children will continue to enjoy two PE sessions per week. In one of the sessions, children will be developing their tag rugby skills in preparation for the tag rugby festival at the end of January. In the other PE session, children will work with the football coaches.

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### PSHCE

This term we will look at how we stay safe online. We will learn strategies for staying safe online, consider how images in the media do not always reflect reality and consider the effect of online actions on others and how to display respectful behaviour online.

### Science

This half term children will have the opportunity to explore and learn about materials and states of matter. We will work scientifically to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C).

We will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

### Computing

Children will continue to work with the Vex Go coding program and will progress to the field stages.

### History

In History this half-term we will be delving into the Anglo-Saxon period in history. We will investigate the question: Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them? We will examine a range of primary and secondary sources and develop critical enquiry around what we can learn from these.

### Value

Self Control