

English

In English this half term we are focussing on narrative speaking and writing which is “a spoken or written account of connected events; a story.” We will be using pictures to prompt imaginative exploration of story writing such as before, during, after, character description and genre. We will be using “The Mysteries of Harris Burdick” by Chris Van Allsburg to help explore and develop story writing skills.

Mathematics

This half term in maths we will be looking at the following:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry (the properties of shapes)
- Measuring including time, length, volume or capacity

Science

The topic for Science this half term is food. We will be asking questions such as where does it come from, how is it processed, and what makes some food healthier than others? We will look at food nutrition and will be completing practical work looking at plant growth. We are planning opportunities to look at food production such as a visit to North Shields Fish Quay and Ouseburn Farm, and will also look at food production in poorer countries in PSHE (Global Citizenship).

Computing

This half term we will be looking at digital media: its uses and the risks associated with it. We will explore online safety, evaluating the reliability of online material and copywriting.

We will also begin to look at animation; looking at how technology has enhanced what we can do and creating our own stop motion animation.

Humanities

We will be studying History this half term, with the focus on crime and punishment through time. We will discuss how laws in Britain have changed over time, looking at medieval laws, historical punishments, witchcraft and the history of the police.

RE

In R.E this half term we will be exploring poverty and wealth as a global issue.

We will look at it from different perspectives and faiths – Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism to discover what we can do to improve the lives of those affected by it.

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PSHE

There are 2 areas of PSHE this half term: Relationships and Global Citizenship. Relationships will focus on relationships with friends, family and other people such as teachers. We will also explore healthy online relationships. Global Citizenship looks at world issues such as poverty.

PE

In PE this half term we will be learning about the benefits of exercise for your mental health. We will study yoga; focussing on breathing and relaxation as well as perfecting our poses to improve our balance, strength and flexibility.

Creative

In Art this half term we are going to be sketching a trainer, mixing secondary colours, tones, tints and shades. We will evaluate and analyse the work of Matt Moore whilst comparing their work with your own. Then evaluate and analyse the work of Taro Chiezo, whilst comparing their own work with your own. Finally, we are going to design our very own shoe.

Social Communication

This half term we will be looking at the topic of self-esteem. We will explore the qualities we see in ourselves, how other people see us and how to grow in confidence. We will also be learning how to communicate using Makaton and Braille to support our peers in class. We will start with learning our names and simple greetings.

English

Explore some amazing illustrations, each of which is the starting point for creative writing:

<https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/> Techniques to practise:
<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/category/english/narrative-writing/>

Mathematics

Students will be encouraged to complete My Maths.

Students should also regularly practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars

Logins for both will be sent out.

Science

A huge amount of food related resources including recipes to try at home:

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/>

Computing

The NSPCC has a wealth of resources to support our pupils learning about safety online. You can find them via this link:

[Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)

Humanities

Humanities Reading comprehension activities which link in well with lesson content:

<https://www.coleyprimary.reading.sch.uk/crime-and-punishment/>

RE

In R.E this half term we will be exploring poverty and wealth. How can you help make someone's day a bit brighter? - being kind, opening doors, helping with the dishes. Everyone is different. Could you try something new? –

Buddhist meditation rituals.

Judaism- have a meal with a loved one.

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PSHE

Free resources which can be printed at home:

https://ecpublishing.co.uk/collections/primary-pshe-resources/?sort_by=price-ascending Oxfam resources (11-14 yrs):
<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/educat>

PE

As we have been practising our yoga this half term, we would love for you to continue your new skills at home. [Cosmic Kids Yoga - YouTube](#) has a number of fun videos for you to follow at home.

Creative

Suggested ideas:

Encourage your child to explore different materials to create pictures e.g. coloured pencils, pens, pastels or paints.

Mixing colours, shades or tones. Using the colours to create their own art piece or a sculpture using junk modelling.

Social Communication

Pupils have been making positive affirmation fans. Could you try this at home? Or how about creating a gratitude journal, writing 3 things you are grateful for each day.