

## English



We will be reading traditional tales with a twist focusing on, 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' and we will write our own innovated tale with a twist. We will look closely at the words used to describe the characters and settings. We will use expanded noun phrases effectively and begin to use subordination by using the word 'when' to join ideas in a sentence. This term, the children will also learn about the features of a non-chronological report and write their own linked to our learning in History. We will also learn how to write effective instructions. Our spellings this term, will be linked to our learning in phonics. We start phase 6 in phonics which focuses on the more complex aspects of spelling, for example; the use of suffixes, longer polysyllabic words and spelling rules applied to make verbs past tense.

## Maths

During this term, we will compare the amount of sugar in different cereals and measure our height and foot length. We will also collect data about our favourite food choices. We will secure our understanding of place value by comparing and ordering numbers. Addition and subtraction will involve bridging 10 and we will complete a unit on shape. This term will involve working on lots of problem solving and reasoning activities and we will begin to use bar models to represent problems.

**Computing** We will be using technology to support all areas of our learning. The computing focuses are coding 'Robot Algorithms', and digital art 'Creating Pictures'. Online safety is taught all year through the Project Evolve scheme.

**Homework** This year, both Maths and English or Topic homework will be given on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday.

**Reading:** Please continue with daily reading, bringing books into school each day. Reading books will be changed 3 times per week. (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

**Spellings:** Spellings will be given each Friday. Words will be sent home in a book to be returned each day so that we can practice in school daily. Please practice the words at home daily on a different piece of paper.

**P.E.Kits:** Both indoor and outdoor full kits will be needed this term. Trainers are ideal for outdoor activities and pumps are needed for indoor activities.

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Mrs Pickup, Mrs Hitchen, Mrs Knight and Miss McFarlane  
**It's Your Choice**

**R.E.** We will learn that we are chosen and gifted by God and we can thank God for choosing us by helping others. We will learn about Abraham, Moses, Daniel and Joseph. After half term, we will think about The Holy Trinity before looking at aspects of the Christmas Story. Our Class Liturgy will be held in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 9:00 am.

**P.E.** Games, Gymnastics and Dance  
The focus for this term is developing our fundamental movement skills of bouncing and kicking a ball. In gymnastics, we will travel in different ways, linking different combinations of movements. We will learn how to tell a story through dance.

**PSHE** We will begin to understand how we are created and loved by God. We will look at friendships and understand how we can react when people disagree. We will learn some basic first aid.

## Topic Work

The topic for this term is called '**It's Your Choice**'



In Science this term, we will be thinking about how we grow and stay healthy by investigating the key questions: 'What do we eat?', 'What happens when we exercise?' and 'Why is it important to look after ourselves?' We will be working scientifically and using recording and observational skills to find out the answers.



The art theme is 'Figures in Action' and we will be looking at the artist Keith Haring.



In Music, we will be looking at Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch through an African song written for children called 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. We will also be learning songs and preparing for the lead role Year 2 will be taking in the Nativity.



How actions of others have shaped our world today, is our History theme. Florence Nightingale will be our main focus but we will also look at the lives of other significant individuals from the past; such as Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. There will also be opportunities to compare aspects of life in different periods.



Our Design Technology lessons will enable the children to cut, peel, grate and chop a range of ingredients. We will learn how to work safely and hygienically and know about the 'Eatwell Plate'.