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Hope you've had a lovely half term break
Have a look at what we have planned for our second term of the year!

English

This term, pupils will be focusing on developing their reading and writing skills through a range of fiction and analysis work as we welcome new pupils into the class. Having already been introduced to key language techniques, our focus will now be on exploring characters, themes and ideas in more depth, using a variety of analytical approaches. Pupils will study extracts from David Almond's novel *Skellig*, building confidence with character analysis, inference and PEE-style responses while developing their ability to discuss, explain and justify their ideas in both written and spoken form.



Maths

This term, pupils will be developing their understanding of shape and measurement, building confidence in identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes and using correct mathematical vocabulary. We will then explore perimeter and area, learning how to measure, calculate and compare different shapes. Later, pupils will focus on volume, developing fluency in using units and applying these skills to real-life contexts. Throughout, pupils will continue to strengthen reasoning and arithmetic through regular practice and recap tasks.



Science

This term, pupils will be exploring electricity, learning how simple circuits work and how components can be connected to make a complete circuit. They will identify and use common electrical components, draw and interpret circuit diagrams and investigate how changes affect brightness and performance. Lessons will include practical activities and visual models to help pupils link ideas together and build confidence in explaining how electricity is used safely in everyday life.

Personal Development Programme

This half term, pupils will be developing their practical life skills through gardening and outdoor projects, learning how to plant, grow and care for a range of plants. They will build confidence designing and creating vegetable patches, understanding what plants need to thrive and taking responsibility for tending to the garden. As part of this work, pupils will also develop teamwork, patience and pride in their environment while learning about healthy food, sustainability and the importance of caring for shared spaces.

PSHE

This term, our pupils will be focusing on their health and well-being. Pupils will explore topics such as emotional resilience, managing stress, personal safety, and healthy lifestyle choices. The lessons are designed to be engaging and practical, giving pupils the skills to look after their own well-being and to make positive choices as they move through adolescence.

POL-ED



This term, our pupils will follow the Pol-Ed well-being curriculum, which focuses on supporting their mental health, emotional resilience and personal safety. Lessons will help pupils explore positive coping strategies, understand how to manage stress, and develop the confidence to make safe and healthy choices. The aim is to give young people the tools to look after their own well-being and prepare them for the challenges of growing up.

Extra-Curricular

- ◆ Doe Park
- ◆ Visits from external organisations
- ◆ Forest Schools and other off site activities
- ◆ Reward Trips

How you could support your child:

- Show an interest in what your child is learning about
- Ensure they come to school in the right uniform
- Keep in contact with school regarding any relevant issues