

This half term our topic is

We are Explorers

English

We will be reading the highly recommended book, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Our English work will be linked to the story and the children will be writing for a range of purposes and in a range of genres, including poetry, information texts, instructions, persuasive writing and adventure story writing. The children will be encouraged to practise spellings daily, complete reading challenges and use Nessy online learning to support individual progress in reading and spelling.

Maths

We will be working multiplication and division, money and fractions. We will be using the White Rose Online Resources to support our teaching and learning and the school is providing resources packs for home learning.

Science

We will learn about classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. We will produce a dichotomous classification key to identify local invertebrates. Children will produce drawings of insects and demonstrate their knowledge of classification keys via a video recording.

Art

We will study artists around the world. Each artist will be studied over 2 sessions. Looking at self-portraits, Mexican motifs and glyphs with Frida Kahlo; foam printing with Katsushiki Hokusai and a little closer to home, Cubist-inspired still life and cardboard relief work with Ben Nicholson.

Religious Education

We will have a focus week on the Chinese New Year when families can explore the belief and symbols of this festival through writing, DT and art.

PSHE

During daily class Zoom lessons, the children will be doing games and activities focusing on well-being and positive mental health. As a school community we will learn basic BSL to enhance our awareness of others.

Music

Current restrictions and reduced attendance in a school setting currently restricts the teaching of music to our children.

ICT

We will explore Scratch and make a game similar to the Mayan game called 'Pitz'. We will be using computers to enter and format text, images and tables in Word documents.

Physical Education

Using the Cullompton School Exercise Club, we will develop cardio, strength, den-building and mediation skills. This programme provides a balanced activity plan and children are encouraged to send photos and emails charting their progress.

History

We will study the Mayans, identifying the continents and Central American countries using globes and atlases to describe past societies. Exploring Mayan religion, myths and legends, daily life, symbols and hieroglyphs; the children should produce a project in a media of their choice.

Experiences

To Be Confirmed