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In literacy this half term we are focusing on writing instructions and creating our own stories.

We will be exploring the story of 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' by Judith Kerr and writing instructions. We will also be exploring traditional tales. We will then use our knowledge of the structure to write our own stories. We will then be moving on to instruction texts where we will create our own fact-files.

After half term, we will be focusing on the use of humour within texts and sharing the stories, Oi Frog, Solomon Crocodile and Rumble in the Jungle.

In science this half term we are learning about plants.

We will have the opportunity to plant our own seeds. We will be able to observe our seeds grow and will record our observations in a diary. Doing this will allow us to understand what plants need to grow.

Throughout this topic we will be learning about different plants. We will learn the different parts of a flower and will find out all about deciduous and evergreen trees.

In maths we are learning to combine two or more parts to make a whole using the addition symbol (+). We will learn that the equals symbol (=) can be used to show the equivalence between the whole number and the sum of parts. We will also learn to break a whole into two or more parts (partitioning). As we move through the spring term, the children will learn to double numbers. They will understand that dividing is the inverse of doubling. The children will develop a deeper understanding of place value and the composition of numbers from 1 to 100. They will begin to understand that one ten is equivalent to ten ones. They will learn how to count in steps of ten and learn number facts within ten. This can then be used to add and subtract multiples of ten by unitising.

In computing we will be using the software Purple Mash to explore algorithms and investigate what they are. The children will be creating and following their own instructions whilst taking into consideration how the order of instructions affects the result. Once a basic understanding of algorithms has been achieved, we will move onto incorporating the use of direction keys into our instructions.

In PSHE we are learning about 'The Wider World and being part of a Community'. We will look at different communities and the roles played by a range of people. We will be finding out about being a good citizen and what it means to be unique. We will also be learning about the value of money.

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In geography we are exploring weather and weather patterns. We will also learn about different weather phenomena. We will explore weather patterns in Oswestry and compare this with weather patterns around the world. We will also be exploring the seasons and how the weather changes during each season. We will create an information text and become weather reporters.

In art we are learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. We will also look at adding white to colours to make different shades. The children will apply their new learning of colour mixing to create paintings for each of the four seasons.

In DT we will be designing and making a toy car. The children will be provided with opportunities to think about and discuss how a car may move. They will explore how the chassis, axles and wheels work before making one themselves.

In PE the children will continue to take part in weekly outdoor sessions with our sports coach, Mr O'Reilly. Each week they will build on their ability to develop multi-skills including throwing, aiming and catching. The children will also set themselves personal targets at the beginning of the term. These will be reviewed at the end of term to show their personal progression in specific physical activities.

In history we will be learning about toys and how they have changed over time. We will explore what toys have remained popular and which toys have disappeared from use. We will use a range of sources to help us investigate and interpret the past.

In RE we will be reflecting on how our world is special and discuss how individuals can show that they care about nature and the environment. We will learn about the different holy texts from a range of faiths and how these texts are used to help individuals in their every day lives.

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