



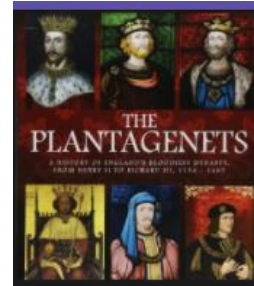
Ladybirds and Butterflies



We hope you all had the best Christmas break! We have got some very exciting things coming up this year and can't wait to get started.

History and Geography

This half term in History is all about immersing the children in learning all about the Plantagenets (Angevins) We will be exploring the sinking of the White Ship, the development of the judicial system, the murder of Thomas Becket, the actions of King John, the Magna Carta and the origins of parliament - Henry II and Simon de Montfort.



In Spring 1 will learn how to read and interpret maps using symbols and scale and then present data compiled from the local area into sketch maps and begin to explore land use in the local area.

Science

This half term in Science is all about immersing the children in learning about everyday material.

In this unit we will learn about the properties of different materials, where they come from and how they can change when heated or cooled.



English

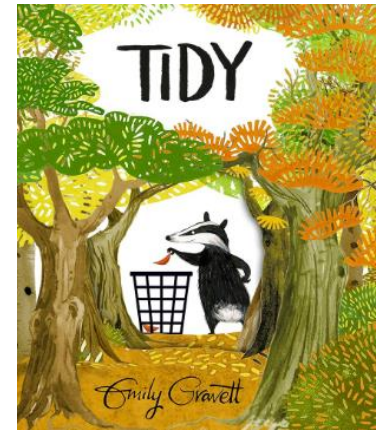


In our English unit, we are learning about how to use description to write signage for topiaries from the book *The Night Gardener*. To do this the children will be immersed in the story of *The Night Gardener* and the skills being taught through this unit will be:

- Commas between adjectives,
- Subordination,
- Apostrophes for singular possession,
- Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify.

Next, we will be exploring the book 'Tidy' which has some really important messages about our environment and the importance of keeping it clean and tidy. Using this book the children will be learning how to write a letter. The skills being taught in this unit will be:

- Subordination (because) and coordination (but,
- Questions,
- Question marks.



Maths



In Maths this term we will be focusing on Money. We will be teaching the children to recognise coins and notes and be able to say how much they are worth. We will also be teaching the children to be able to make amounts of money in different ways using different notes and coins. Lastly, we will be teaching the children to be able to show whether amounts of money are more or less than each other by using the more than less than signs.

Next in Maths we will be moving onto multiplication and division, Length and Height and Mass, Capacity and Temperature.

PSHE (Jigsaw)

The topic for the first half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit children will be learning how to make realistic goals and set targets on how to break those goals down into manageable steps. This unit will also have a focus on how children and collaborate together to achieve a joint goal or dream.



We will then move on to 'Healthy Me.' The children will be exploring both physical and emotional choices they can make to help keep their body and minds happy, safe and healthy.



RE



In RE lessons this term the children will be exploring Story telling of religious stories. This children will be learning to:

- To know that Jesus was an important man.
 - To know that Jesus was a teacher, a healer and a friend.
 - To know that there are many stories in the New Testament related to people Jesus met.
 - To know that Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God sent to Earth for a purpose.
 - To explore a range of stories from other cultures (Hindu)
- To understand that people can change and influence others.

PE

In PE this year, we will be following the Real PE scheme and framework. In our next unit we will be developing and applying our dynamic balance on a line and stance through focused skill development sessions, cooperative and competitive games.



Spelling and Phonics

We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words and a range of spelling patterns concentrating this term on prefixes and homophones (words that are spelled differently but sound the same) through the use of the jungle spelling programme.

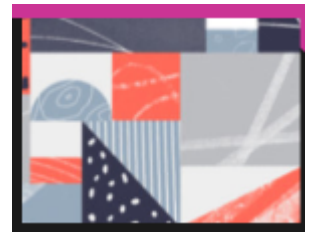


In phonics the children will have daily lessons focusing on one sound a week linked to their reading book which will be sent home every Friday.

ART

In ART this half term we are looking at shape and texture.

Colour is the element of art that refers to reflected light. Artists used all kinds of shapes. Geometric shapes are precise and regular, like square, rectangle and triangles.



DT

In Spring term we are studying Mechanisms: Wheels and Axles

Wheels are connected to axles as part of the chassis on most vehicles to make it move.



Important Dates

PE Days-

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children may come into school in their PE kits on these days.



School trip to the aquarium – Friday 14th February.



Puzzle Three – Dreams and Goals

Spring 1: 'Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this'



Content Overview:

Achieving realistic goals
Perseverance
Learning strengths
Learning with others
Group cooperation
Contributing to and sharing success

Vocabulary

Realistic, Achievement, Goal, Strength, Persevere, Difficult, Easy, Learning Together, Partner, Product

Song: 'For Me'

Puzzle Outcome: Our Garden of Dreams & Goals



Puzzle Four – Healthy Me

Spring 2: 'Being and Keeping Safe & Healthy'



Content Overview:

Motivation
Healthier choices
Relaxation
Healthy eating and nutrition
Healthier snacks and sharing food

Vocabulary

Healthy choices, Lifestyle, Motivation, Relax, Relaxation, Tense, Calm, Dangerous, Medicines, Body, Balanced diet, Portion, Proportion, Energy, Fuel, Nutritious

Song: 'Make a Good Decision'

Puzzle Outcome: The Healthy, Happy Me recipe book