

Acorn Class Year 1/2 Newsletter - Autumn 2021

Termly Topic: Heroes and Villains!!

Autumn 1: Superheroes/People Who Help Us

Autumn 2: Fairy Tales

Literacy

To begin the term, we will be looking at Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey and we will be creating a new adventure for Traction Man and his trusted sidekick, Scrubbing Brush. We will also have a go at creating our own Comic Strip! In the second half of this term will be learning about our Nursery Rhymes. We will learn how to perform some poetry and write a letter to Mother Goose. We will finish the term off with writing instructions to get to a fantasy land!

Maths

Our term begins with Place Value, looking at the value of different numbers, counting, comparing, ordering and representing numbers in lots of different ways. We then move onto addition and subtraction which will include learning our numbers bonds to different numbers. We will finish off the term with 2D and 3D shapes and money.

Art/DT

We will begin this term with an Art topic all about portraits. We will be drawing portraits using a variety of techniques and resources including colour, collage, watercolours backgrounds, completing line drawings and creating a 'pop art' portrait.

The second half of the term will cover 'Moving Pictures' in DT. We will be investigating sliders, levers and wheels and then design and make our own moving picture. This will be taught by Mrs Lealman on a Thursday afternoon in Autumn 2.

Geography/History

In Geography, we begin with looking at 'Our School'; where school is, where we live and how we travel to school. Which leads into 'Our Local Area'; what is in our area, the different houses and jobs we would see and what we can do to improve our environment.

In History we are learning about People Who Help Us, in particular, Nurses like Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell and what they have done to improve things! We will also have a focus on Remembrance Day, what it means and why we celebrate it every year.

RE

In RE this term, we will be thinking about 'Which stories are special and why?' Moving into 'What we can learn from sacred books'.

Science

This term we are learning all about Animals including Humans, starting with animal offspring and life cycles and learning about what animals and humans need to survive. We will then move onto materials; their properties and their uses.

ICT

Our ICT focus this term will begin with Online Safety; how to keep safe and why! We will then explore using direction keys to move a character and learn how to create and debug a simple algorithm. We continue to use Purple Mash to teach and support ICT.

Music and PSHE

This term we are focussing on Pulse in music and healthy lifestyles and communication in PSHE. Both will continue to be taught by Mrs Lealman on a Thursday afternoon for the first half term. With Music moving to a Friday with Miss Dunning.

Reminders

All coats and clothing etc. **MUST** be clearly named.

Our PE day remains on a Friday. Please could children have PE clothes that are appropriate for all weathers e.g. trousers and a waterproof coat, as we continue to be outdoors come rain or shine.

It is also really useful for ALL children to have a set of clean clothes in school at all times in case of accidents e.g. getting covered in mud or getting wet at break times!

The doors to the classrooms are opened at 8:45am and lessons begin at 9am so please make sure your child/ren are in school promptly.

Can all children remember to bring their book bag and a named water bottle on a daily basis!

