

Our value for this half term is:
Courage

PSHE

In P.S.H.E. our unit of learning is "Economic wellbeing" We will think about the difference between wants and needs and the fact that money is often necessary for both. We will explore the different ways in which adults can get money and the role of bank accounts. We will also be thinking about our skills and talents and why treating people equally and inclusively is important.

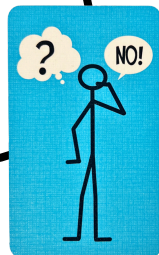


D.T.

In DT our unit is called "Making Moving Monsters". We will be learning about levers, linkages and pivots, looking to see how these are used in popular toys. The making process will involve designing a monster that satisfies the given design criteria, evaluating designs and then selecting and assembling materials to create the planned monster.



Trick Box - Big no
Sometimes it is ok to say
"No"



Music

In Music our theme is "Myths and Legends" which will focus creating rhythms and noting down compositions to create different structures. We will also practise noting down our musical compositions as well as following structures composed by others.



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Computing

In Computing our unit of learning is called questioning and will involve collecting data and representing it in different ways such as pictograms, databases and binary trees. Children will then use the data to ask and answer questions.



History

In History we are learning about The Great Fire of London. We will use timelines to help us understand how long ago it happened. We will find out about how things have changed since the fire and how historians can find out about events that happened 'beyond living memory'.



RE

In R.E. we will be focussing on the question: **What is important to Muslim families?** Children will learn that the words 'Islam' and 'Muslim' are based on the same word in Arabic, 'salaam', which means peace. They will learn that Muslims believe that Muhammad (PBUH) is a prophet and the last messenger of Allah. They will find out that the special book for Muslims is called the Qur'an, that it is written in Arabic, and Muslims believe that it contains the words of Allah.



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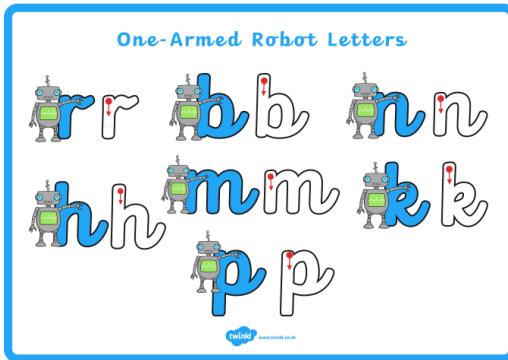
In P.E. we will be doing Dance. We will be exploring how we can move our bodies to express ideas, mood, characters or feelings. We will develop our knowledge of travelling while building on our understanding of dynamics and expression. We will explore pathways, levels, shapes, direction, speed and timing.



English

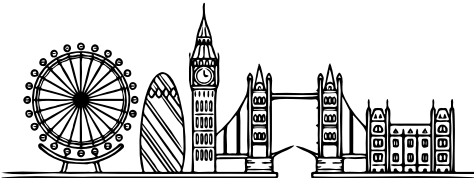
Handwriting:

This half term we will be completing the curly caterpillar family and then revisiting the one-armed robot family to continue refining and improving our handwriting.



Writing:

This half term we will be basing our learning on The Great Fire of London. We will practise writing persuasively to encourage people to visit London as well as writing letters of advice and instructional writing. The unit will culminate in the children writing an information booklet.



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Home learning

Our home learning this half term will continue to focus on handwriting. We have already started to see improvements with some of the children's handwriting as they apply their practised skills to their everyday writing. Others are forming their letters much more clearly and accurately in handwriting sessions and we are hoping they will start to apply it in all their writing soon.

Thank you so much for your support with this it is making a difference. There may be occasional maths home learning as well if the children are not secure and need extra practise to consolidate their learning.

Maths

Our next Maths topic is:

Multiplication and Division

We will start by making sure we understand what equal groups are and how they are made. We will then introduce the symbols and what they mean before practising using these operations to answer questions. This is an area of learning that the class found extremely difficult last year and so there may be some consolidation activities sent home from time to time.

