

Creative (Art, DT, Music, Dance)

Design and Technology

Your child will be designing and making a healthy meal linked to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and looking at heart health. The children will think about the types of food that are important to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle and which foods are good in terms of taking care of our hearts.

Art and Design

Your child will be looking at using pencil, charcoal, paint and clay to improve their mastery of art and design techniques. The children will create an image of the human heart using these materials.

Music

This half term we are looking at the song, 'Make You Feel My Love' by Adele. We will look at pitch, rhythm and timing and will discuss what a ballad is and how they might make us feel. We will use instruments to tap out some of the rhythms, looking at notes used.

Computing

Your child will be looking at programming. We will be using microbits to create written digital messages and will also create something resembling a Fitbit that measures movements.

Digital literacy

Your child will be learning digital literacy skills through a number of different subjects. They will be developing their word processing skills when writing big writes and will be creating interactive PowerPoints when learning about different biomes and vegetation belts.

Humanities (History, Geography)

History

Your child will look at history in the local area. We will learn about the changes in the last hundred years. Children will focus their learning on mining in the north east. This will include visits to the Auckland trust.

Geography

This term, your child will be looking at vegetation belts. They will be using maps and atlases to locate different countries in the world. They will learn about different biomes and where examples of these can be found.

Blood Heart – The Circulatory System

Literacy

Writing

This term your child's writing will be varied. We will be completing fiction and non-fiction extended pieces of writing. We will start by looking at myths and legends before going onto create a diary entry.

Basic Skills

The focus this term will be to consolidate the learning from the previous term. We will learn how to correctly use a range of punctuation including colons, semi colons and dashes. We will use Thursday's basic skills lesson for SATs practice to help prepare the children for the tests in the summer term.

Reading

We will continue to work on the comprehension skills needed to fully understand a piece of writing, including inference, retrieval, word meaning, summarising and predicting. We will look at both fiction and non-fiction texts.

Science

Animals including humans

We will be looking at the circulatory system of the human body and how it works. We will also look at the digestive system and how nutrients are transported within our bodies. The children will investigate the impact of diet, exercise, drugs, alcohol and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

Books/resources/films/music/visits/visitors/role play etc.

This term our class novel is a book called 'Pig-Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman, linked with the topic of the circulatory system. It is about a young teenage boy who is in need of a heart transplant. We will also be looking at different short stories and articles to help best prepare us for SATs in the following term.

RE

This term in R.E. the children will be looking at the theme of Christianity. We will investigate the teachings of Jesus and how they impacted on what we know today as Christianity.

Maths

Mental

There will be a focus on consolidating multiplication knowledge so that we can apply understanding of number and place value to more complex multiplications such as 0.5×20 . As SATs is approaching we will also be including a variety of different mental starters that cover the whole curriculum.

Main

The term will begin with the class learning how to solve fraction calculations involving the four operations. We will then go onto looking at angles. All of the work covered will be linked to previous SATs questions to help us apply our knowledge to SATs situations.

Websites

Times Table Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>

The school run - <http://theschoolrun.co.uk>