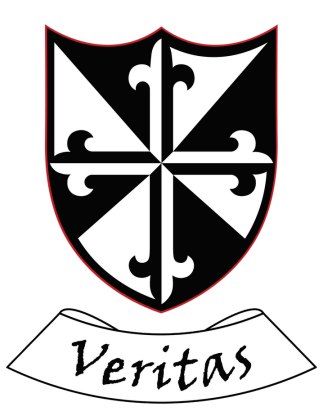


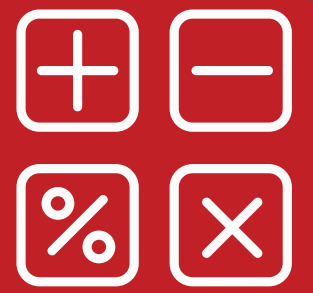
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PENTECOST 2



Mathematics

In mathematics, we will begin with our topic on geometry. The children will learn to identify and compare different types of angles within shapes, then the children will apply their knowledge of angles to classify quadrilaterals and triangles. Later, the children will complete the chapter 'position and movement' where the children will learn how to describe, plot, and translate points on a grid. Finally, we will finish the year by revising the four operations.



English

In English, we will be using 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S Lewis. The children will be practising writing poems, reports, imaginary conversations, and writing in role. The children will finish the topic by writing their own version narratives inspired by the book.



Religious Education

We will begin the half term by completing 'Branch 5' called 'To the ends of the Earth'. The children will understand what the Communion of Saints is and understand Mary's role within it. We will then begin 'Branch 6' Called 'Dialogue and Encounter'. In this branch, the children will be learning about the life of St Paul, exploring theological virtues, and understanding liturgical traditions.



Reading

In reading, we will continue reading 'Fossil Hunter' by Kate Winter. Within these Whole-Class Reading sessions, children will learn many different reading skills to help support their own development. In Story Time, we will be reading 'Sensational' by Roger McGough.



Science

Our science topic this half term is sound. We will begin by understanding how sound is caused by vibrations. We will then explore the factors that affect volume and pitch when making sound and investigate how distance affects sound. We will finish the topic by planning, conducting, and evaluating our own science investigation into sound.



Music

In music, the children will be focusing on the song 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. The children will listen to and appraise various Beatles songs, practise playing the songs on a glockenspiel, and perform the song 'Blackbird' as a class.





Design Technology

In DT, we will be using our knowledge of electricity to create our own wire buzzer games. The children will begin by exploring and evaluating existing buzzer games before planning, creating, and evaluating their own games. The children will finish the topic by playing each others games.

Geography

Our geography topic this half term is 'Volcanoes'. First, the children will learn what a volcano is and where they can be found in the world. They will then investigate what happens when a volcano erupts, identify the different types of volcanoes, and explore what life is like in volcanic areas.



Physical Education

In PE, we will continue with our weekly swimming sessions on a Tuesday. In school, the children will be taught cricket by a coach from Leicester Cricket Club. The children will develop their batting and bowling skills and will participate in small group and whole class cricket games. Please note that our PE lessons will now be on a Thursday afternoon.

Personal Development

In our PSHE sessions, we will begin exploring the topic of money. The children will learn about different careers and vocations and the reasons why people choose their careers. The children will also learn about the value of money and how money can be managed.



Key Vocabulary

This half term, the Goldilocks words we will be using include:

Erupt	Translate	Bat
Bowl	Axis	Evaluate
Igneous	Circuit	

Class Notices

Swimming lessons will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will require a swimming costume, towel, and swimming hat. Our PE lessons will now be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that full PE kit is brought it for these days.



How parents & carers can help

- Support your child in practising their times tables daily.
- Regular reading with your child.
- Ensuring homework is completed each week.