

RE

We will be asking the question "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?" We will be looking at the story of the birth of Jesus, recognising the links with incarnation and thinking about what we can learn from it.

PE

Mrs Trotter will continue teaching gymnastics and will focus on twisting, turning and spinning. We will also be using the apparatus to move over, under and through. Mrs Beever will be looking at dance and focusing on 'toy dances'.

HISTORY

We will be learning about toys from the past. We will look at ones which are different from and similar to today's toys. We will look at the materials used, mechanisms and categorise them in different ways.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be reading "The Robot and the Bluebird". We will be asking and answering questions about an illustration, writing thought and speech bubbles, writing a diary entry for the robot, writing persuasive letters and retelling part of the story to create a class book. We will then create our own non fiction toy books, to bring together all our learning from the half term.

As part of our Speaking and Listening area of English we will be practising our Christmas nativity and we will continue with VIPERS in Read Write Inc and guided reading sessions to develop out fluency in reading and comprehension skills.

GEOGRAPHY

We will be looking at toys from around the world in our outdoor learning area and finding different countries on a world map.

TOY STORY



ART

We will be creating some remembrance art work using colour wash and tissue collage. We will also be looking at colour mixing using powder paints and creating lots of festive pieces for Christmas.

ICT

We will be using different art programmes to create fireworks pictures and remembrance poppies. We will also be learning how to copy and paste pictures from the internet into a word document, starting with toys and then moving onto creating our own inserts for our Christmas cards.

MUSIC

We will be very busy learning our Christmas songs for both our nativity "I'm Gonna Shine" and our whole school Christingle. The songs are very catchy and there is a good chance you will hear them being sung around the house!

SCIENCE

We will be learning about materials this half term. We will begin by naming and looking at the properties of different materials. We will then think about their suitability for various objects, before moving onto finding which materials can be squashed, stretched, twisted and bent. We will have lots of opportunities to handle materials and to categorise them in different ways.

MATHS

We will begin the half term learning about money. We will practise recognising coins and notes, adding them, paying for items, finding different ways of paying for the same amount, comparing money, finding the difference, giving change and solving word problems.

We will then move onto multiplication and division, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be developing mental and formal methods for multiplication and division.

Children are encouraged to use TTRockstars to consolidate their learning at home.