English

In **English,** we will be looking at a new text, *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We will use this as a stimulus for a range of genres including persuasive writing (balanced argument), recount, descriptive writing and creating a letter. Through this half term, we will look at various skills including complex and compound sentences, parenthesis, relative clauses and apostrophes so pupils can confidently use them in their independent writing.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division, focusing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of multiplication facts and apply our learning to reasoning and problem solving activities. In addition, we will be learning about fractions and how we can apply the four operations to calculations with fractions. We will be introducing how to multiply fractions and mixed numbers by other fractions or whole numbers. We will also be consolidating and extending our knowledge of fraction equivalents.

History

In History, we will be focusing on a local history study based on Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield. We will explore how Birmingham and Sutton have changed since Victorian times. This will involve looking at sources of information to compare how the localities have changed over time in terms of infrastructure, rivers and influential people in the Industrial Revolution.

Important Information

Spellings: Set on Tuesday and tested on Monday.
Reading Books: Changed twice weekly.
Reading Homework: Set on Tuesday to be returned Monday of the following week.
Maths Homework: Set on Mathletics on Tuesday to be completed by Monday of the following week.

Science

During this half term in Science we will be putting on our lab coats to look at Properties and Changes of Material. We will be investigating a range of different materials and what occurs when they are mixed. We will be learning about different properties including magnetism, conductivity and solubility. We will use a range of skills to complete experiments including observation, classifying and comparing.

Computing

This half term, pupils will learning all about cracking codes. The children will investigate early methods of communicating over distances, learn about two early ciphers, and encrypt and decrypt messages in various ciphers.

PE

Tuesday – gymnastics (indoors)
Friday – tag rugby (outdoors)

Art / Design Technology

This half term, we will putting our design hats on in D&T and exploring different types of bridges and the structures that support them. This unit will include lots of practical activities, culminating in an exciting model bridge building challenge at the end of the unit.

Music

We will be listening to and appraising a variety of jazz music with a particular focus around two tunes: **Three Note Bossa** and **The Five Note Swing**. We will look at a range of musical elements within the tunes such as the tempo, dynamics and pitch.

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RE/PSHE

In PSHE, pupils will learn about the importance of celebrating differences within our communities.

In R.E., the two themes that the children will be learning are 'Being Loyal and Steadfast' and 'Being Hopeful and Visionary'. The children will learn about a range of religions through these themes.