



Hogwarts Topic Web- Autumn 2nd Term 2016

It is our choices that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities.



English

This half term we will be studying classic poetry linked to the time of The Great Plague. We will learn the story of The Pied Piper and learning to perform it with expression and intonation.

We will also look at writing our own newspaper articles from the time of The Great Plague. We will first read some newspapers for children and look at how they are written. We will then use the internet and books to research The Great Plague in order to write our articles.

Finally, the children will produce a news report on The Great Plague using the iPads.

Science

This half term of topic is 'electricity.' Part of this will be focussed on our STEM project. The children will need to understand what electricity is, how it works and why it is important. They will make a circuit and then they will learn how to make a motor work for our STEM project.

We hope to have Mrs Oakley from Unity join us for a lesson at the end of term and bring us some exciting experiments to try!

Music

We will be learning Christmas carols in class.

PSHCE

This half term we will be focussing on respect. This will link to Christmas and talking about the traditions of Christmas and other religious events that take place throughout the year. We will focus on respecting other people's beliefs, cultures and traditions.

The Great Plague

Physical Education]

This half term the children will be focussing on Netball.

They will develop skills and tactics to use competitively.

RE/PSHE

The children will be learning the Christmas story.

French

We will learn the days of the week, colours and months of the year in French.

Maths

This half term we are going to have a real focus on multiplication and division.

This begins with the children learning their times tables to 12 X 12.

We will look at the effect of multiplying and dividing a number by 10, 100 and 1000.

As we have moved into year 4, our formal methods will be repeated subtraction moving into chunking to divide and the grid method to multiply.

Once the children have understood these methods, we will look at problems relating to multiplication and division, particularly on Mathematics.

Throughout the year, we will revisit these regularly as part of Key Skills.

Creative Curriculum

History

We will be learning all about The Great Plague. The children we learn what it was, how it happened and why it is such an important part of history. We will also look at illnesses and diseases from the past and how it is different to modern day.

Geography

We will be focussing on how to look after the environment and the importance of looking after the world around us.

Art

We are going to look at the use of the image of a skull in different cultures. We will focus on sketching and printing.

Design Tech

We will be beginning a very exciting project which will lead into a competition with other schools in the area. We will be focussing on the design of a product using sketches and diagrams.