



Spring 2024 Light and Dark



This term our new topic will be Light and Dark. Planning for this topic will stem from the pupil's ideas during our pupil voice discussions each week.

Language, Literacy and Communication

This term we will be focusing on a range of stories that link with our topic. The first story we will look at will be 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. We will take on the role of various characters in the story and act it out together. We will then change the characters to create our own exciting versions of the story. In addition, we will create our very own shadow poems based on the outline of a nocturnal animal. When learning about nocturnal animals we will be reading and learning lots of exciting facts about them. With this new information gained we will then write our own fact file about them. Each day we will continue with our phonics and guided reading sessions so please continue to practise your phonics sounds and read at home. We will have a spelling test every Friday based on the sounds learnt during the week.

Numeracy

For the first part of this term our focus will be on money. We will be revisiting coins and notes, calculating different amounts of money, and learning how to give change. We will continue to sing songs and play lots of games to help us recall our 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 x tables. When learning about nocturnal animals, we will learn how to measure their homes accurately and compare different lengths and heights using standard units of measure. We will also look at capacities and measuring mass. In addition, we will learn how to read different temperatures off a thermometer. During our topic work we will have some exciting problems to solve such as using simple coordinates to rescue the animal before the timer runs out!

Welsh

Our topic this term is 'Family and Pets'. We will be learning lots of new Welsh vocabulary and will learn how to say what our favourite animals are and talk about our families. We will write about them too. We will continue using our incidental Welsh in the classroom, asking the Helpwr Heddiw questions and carry out 10 minutes of Welsh each day.

How can you help?

You can support your children at home by talking about their learning in school, listening to them read daily and checking their spellings and times tables. We will be using Spelling Shed, Phonics play, Super movers and Get Epic and encourage you to support your child with this at home. We will keep you up to date through Class Dojo so keep an eye out for your child.

**Please remember we are always here to
answer any questions you may have.**

Expressive Arts

This term we will be experimenting with paints and will learn how to make a shade lighter/darker. We will focus on one of Van Gogh's famous paintings by creating a starry night picture based on his amazing work. We will use various materials to make our own miniature owl when learning the story 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. In Music, we will learn how to create simple rhythms and stay in time with the beat. We will make up our own exciting dance with lights and perform it to an audience too!



Health and Well-Being

We will have P.E lessons every week which will be on a Monday so please remember to come to school dressed in your P.E kit on that day. This term we plan on holding a coffee/tea and cakes morning for the residents of the Hermitage care home and will be learning about dementia and what can be done to help. We will also be going on some welly walks around our local area to see what animals we can see and will learn how to care for them too.

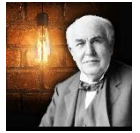


We will be continuing with our Dina school sessions by using our puppets 'Wally and Dina' to learn about social stories and scenarios. We will focus on solving real life problems, how to deal with different emotions, how to be a good friend and many more!



Humanities

We will focus on the story 'Little Glow' to learn about various festivals around the world. When learning about Chinese New Year we will make Chinese lanterns and learn how it is celebrated. We will also learn about Judaism and Passover. We will study the history of electricity and the work of Thomas Edison and his invention of the lightbulb. We will use our map skills to locate various nocturnal animal homes and investigate which countries have more sunlight than others.



Science and Technology

As part of our science lessons, we will be carrying our various experiments. We will look at how light travels through different materials/ light sources and learn what transparent, translucent, and opaque means. In addition, we will observe how shadows are formed during different times of the day. We will also look at reflectors on clothing and objects and learn how they keep us safe.



We will get creative by designing and making our own lighthouse. When reading 'The Rabbit, the Dark and the Biscuit Tin' we will bake our own delicious biscuits!



In ICT, we will code the spheros to solve exciting missions! We will continue to use HWB to practise our typing skills, paint pictures, show data & create animations.