

Leylands Class Curriculum Letter

Spring 1: Magic and Mayhem

English

We will be spending this half term:

Continuing to write different types of poems, thinking about extending our vocabulary and using simile and metaphor. We will be writing a portal story, where the main character goes through a portal and is transported to another world.

We will be using punctuation for speech, learning about the different ways to use commas, varying sentence starts and expanding sentences using conjunctions.

In guided reading we will be practising dictionary work, rapid retrieval and flying solo (inference, prediction and summarising) with the themes of 'Magical Creatures' and 'The Rain Forest'.

PSHE

We will continue to focus on mindfulness, and building a growth mind-set, but there will be a new emphasis on resilience and learning about ways to build our confidence and self-esteem.

Maths

Times-tables mastery will be a focus throughout this year, with each age group focussing on their target tables. We will use TT Rock Stars, Kung Fu Mathsters, and Daily 10 to accomplish this.

This half-term, the focus will be on multiplication and division, including reasoning and problem-solving activities, where we will be learning to explain our thinking when playing games and solving challenges. There will also be an on-going review of place value, addition and subtraction, with number sense activities.



Art/DT

We will be looking at creating depth and textures in art, by adding layers and textures to a picture of the Rain Forrest. We will also make a 'Howler', by folding and modelling paper to make our own designs, after watching the directions on a video clip.

Music

We will be using the Charanga music program where possible this half term.

Topic

This half term, our topic is literature based and focusses on magical characters, creatures and inventions or discoveries that once seemed magical.

There is a science link to electricity, and a DT link to computers and how technology has advances.

In Geography, we will be learning about the key climate zones, the Equator and Tropics, latitude and longitude and the Arctic and Antarctic. Where they are located and mapped on a globe.

R.E.

We will look at the World and God's creations. This will link to our guided reading, where we will look at different places and discuss our responsibility for taking care of them.

Science

We will link to the magical theme by investigating static electricity. We will also begin looking at electrical and battery powered items in the home and at the different components of a circuit.