ENGLISH:

This term, we will be looking at the different parts of a story and the children will be writing their own story opener from a traditional tale of their choice.

Our focus text will be the traditional tale of Rumplestiltskin; the children will be describing the characters and innovating their own character for a new version of the story.

As part of our spelling and phonics work this term we will be teaching about the split digraph sounds 'a-e' (cake), 'i-e' (smile), 'o-e' (home), 'e-e' (these) and 'u-e' (rule) and the spelling rule for plurals.

MATHS:

This term the children will explore different types of measurement. They will learn how to measure and record length, height, weight and volume; the children will compare and describe measurements and solve practical problems.

MUSIC:

Our work this term will be inspired by fairy tales. The children will use their voices to represent a character; choose sounds to create sound effects and play rhythmic patterns along with spoken words.

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GEOGRAPHY:

The children will have lots of opportunities for fieldwork this term as we start to consider natural resources and how we can protect the environment.

We will be recognising and understanding changes in the local environment and what impact humans have.

The class will consider ways to protect and improve our local area.

COMPUTING:

This term the children will be introduced to early programming concepts by using programmable toys.

The children will learn how to use the Beebot floor robots and will then use their programming skills to solve a series of problems and challenges involving the Beebots.

SCIENCE:

This term's science work will focus on seasonal changes. We will investigate and learn what happens to the length of the days as we move from winter in to spring and summer. We will explore animals that hibernate, animals that are nocturnal and also look as how animals find food and keep warm in the winter months. The class will also be exploring changes in temperature and learning about ice and snow.

RE:

Our focus this term will be the theme of Salvation. The children will be learning the story of Easter, beginning with how it is celebrated as a festival and the importance of Lent. The children will then focus on the key events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection.

PE:

This term our focus sport will switch from hockey to tennis. The children will continue working on their ball control skills, spatial awareness and also understanding of a new sport.

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term. Along with this letter, you will find a curriculum overview detailing this term's key areas of learning. There are also lots of other exciting activities that we will be getting involved with throughout the term, including: World Book Day, our Hinduism RE day and the celebration of the festival of Holi, Comic Relief and our Easter Service. Everything you need to know about these upcoming events will be shared on ClassDojo and in the weekly newsletter.

This term's Science and Geography work includes lots of fieldwork around school and in the local area; please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school every day.

PE lessons will continue to be taught with both indoor and outdoor sessions so the children will need a full PE kit please, including both indoor and outdoor shoes.

We are still finding that a lot of the children's uniform and PE kit is not correctly named – a simple name on a wash label in biro is fine.

This term, to support the maths work which we are doing in class and to allow you to see how your child is progressing, we will start setting a weekly online maths task for the children to try at home. There will be a new task available every Wednesday on the MyMaths website; we will be sending your child's individual username and password out shortly, the first task will be available from Wednesday 15th March.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at this term's face to face parent consultations, please use the Calendly link on ClassDojo to book your appointment. If you need an online meeting, we are able to accommodate this. You will still need to book via the link but send us a message to let us know you will be joining us on Teams so we can send you a link.

Kind Regards

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