

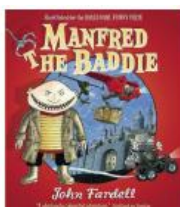
Spring Term-Elm Class

Year 1 and 2

English

This half term we will be focusing on the book 'Manfred the Baddie.' Children will have the opportunity to practice their reading and writing skills through a range of activities. As part of this unit of work the children will be writing-

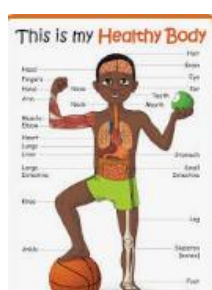
- A get-well message – *emphasis upon showing empathy.*
- A description wanted poster.
- Instructions for making a sandwich.
- Comic strip story in the style of Manfred.



Throughout all lessons there will be a focus on children using the correct punctuation including finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Children will be supported to form their letters correctly. As well as using conjunctions to join sentences and previously taught punctuation and suffixes.

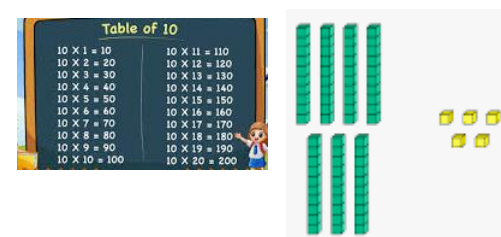
Science

This unit overlaps RSHE in terms of health and well-being. The children will use their gained knowledge surrounding animals, plants and their habitats to begin looking at themselves. What do human beings need to survive and stay healthy? Is there a difference between staying alive and staying healthy? We shall look at healthy foods and keeping ourselves fit.



Maths

Maths this half term will be focused on place value and addition and subtraction within 100. The children will begin this unit by learning about related facts. For example, if $2+5=7$ then they should know that $20+50=70$. There will be a focus on adding and subtracting 1 and then 2. Then the children will move onto multiplication and division. The children will use lots of practical equipment to support them in their learning.



Phonics & Reading

Children are grouped for Phonics or reading based on their reading knowledge.

We will send a new book home each week. Please support your child by reading at home at least three times a week and recording this in their planner (we have a weekly raffle for those who are able to read 3 times at home!)

Planners must be brought to school every day in your child's book bag.

If you would like any support with your child's reading or would like to ask any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher

Handwriting

It is very important children learn to hold a pencil, sit correctly and form all their letters correctly. We will practice this in short daily bursts.

Please ask if you would like any support for writing at home.

PE

The PE topic this half term is gymnastics. The children will be learning the art of body control by learning different ways to jump and roll. They will be taught how to manoeuvre around space in different ways and how to change direction at any given time.

PE will take place on a Monday and on Friday.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days and that any earrings are taken out or covered.



PSHE

During their PSHE lessons the children will learn about their emotions – what causes them, how to identify them and how we can control them. Linking to our science topic we will also look at choosing our food for health.

RE

The unit this half term is 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' The children will look at the religion of Islam and how it is similar and different to the Christian faith. We shall look at the lives of Muslims, their beliefs, God and their celebrations. This will be taught using many mediums, such as art, writing and drama.



History

Our unit this half term is The Great Fire of London. We will look at life during the 17th century as well as the reasons for the rapid spread. We will look at Samuel Pepys diary and how the capital was rebuilt afterwards.



Art

The outcome of this unit will be the children creating a textured painting using printing blocks they have created themselves using Styrofoam. This will be based on the work by Chloe Williams. They will be learning how to print effectively and ways to create texture by over printing. Children will also be practicing creating patterns during this unit.



Home Learning

Home learning is given out to each child at the beginning of each term. Children can pick which activity to do each week but must try to complete them all by the end of term. Dojos are given for completed learning and work is celebrated in school.

Computing

The unit of work that the children will be completing this half term is Robot Algorithms.

- Children will use logical reasoning to predict outcomes
- Design algorithms
- Test algorithms as programs
- Debug algorithms
- Identify starting and finishing points of a route
- Incorporate directional and action symbols to guide a robot
- Learn how important it is to follow instructions precisely.

