

## English, Literacy and Communication and Language

Our focus books this half term will be 'How to Catch a Star', 'Owl Babies' and 'Stickman'.

We will be focusing on Talk for Writing skills, learning to retell our stories orally using a story map and actions.

We will be sequencing events in the stories and writing/ orally making matching sentences, learning how to make lists of things to pack in a rocket and designing and labelling a rocket. We will also be practising our phonics learning in our writing with some 'read it, say it, write it' sentences, and designing a lost poster for stickman, including adjectives.

## Maths

This half term we will be looking at the White Rose Maths topics of 'It's me, 1, 2, 3' and 'Light and Dark'.

This will include looking closely at the numbers 1-5, their composition, where they come in the number system, and one more/ one less. We will also look at 1, 3, 4 and 5 sided shapes, number 1-5 on the clock, 1, 2 and 5p, daily routines, times of day that they happen, and sequencing.

## PSED/ RE

Our PSED topic this half term will be 'Celebrating Differences'. We will look at what makes us all special, how our families and homes are different, making friends and how to stand up for ourselves respectfully.

In RE we will be considering different faiths and how we celebrate special times.

## Science and Art- Understanding the World and Expressive Art and Design.

This half term we will be focusing on what stars are and night and day, including sources of light.

In forest school we will be making our own stars using cotton wool and flint, exploring different light sources and shadows. We will be making stained glass window biscuits and investigating how light shines through different colours. Our fine motor skills will be used as we design and make tools for collecting hidden stars.

We will also be making poppy wreaths to decorate the war memorial at Weston Park on Remembrance Day.

As always, we will be in the garden come rain or shine, and experiencing the seasonal changes as the weather changes.

## Music

This half term we will be learning about duration - the length of notes and how we can use our musical instruments to make long and short notes.

We will be introducing the word 'stacatto' for making short, separated notes.

## PE

This half term we will continue to think about the importance of warming up and cooling down.

Our focus will be gymnastics. We will be exploring different movements, including rocking, rolling, jumping, balance and shapes.

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### How Are Stars Made ?

#### School Value

This half term, we will be focusing on **Persevering**.

#### Key Questions

**What is a Star?** Investigate what a star is and how they are created.

**What is Bonfire night?** Share the simple story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night.

**Are the stars there all of the time?** Investigate space and why we can only see stars at night time.

**What is Remembrance day?** Learn about why Remembrance Day started and who we remember on this day. Think about a time when we have been brave. Make a poppy wreath to take to the war memorial at Weston Park.

**Where does light come from?** Explore different light sources, and classify them into natural or man made.

**What happens at night time?** Why is night time dark? Explore the changes that happen over night. Sequence routines over daytime and night time.

**Do all animals come out in the daytime?** Investigate nocturnal and diurnal animals and classify accordingly.

**Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?** Share the Christmas story with the class. Discuss the key characters involved in the story of Christmas, location, journeys and the giving of gifts.

**What are special times for other cultures?** Share the stories of Hannukah, Diwali and Eid, and why these are all special celebrations.