

Our theme this term is...

# Heroes and Villains



## As **historians** we will:

This half term, we will be discussing Heroes and Villains and will be able to:

- Identify characteristics of heroes and villains
- Use different sources to identify relevant information
- Understand how historic events and people can impact our world today.

## As **scientists** we will:

This half term, we're building on our knowledge of electricity by...

- investigating insulators and conductors
- investigating switches
- applying our learning by solving problems in real-life contexts and designing and making a range of devices that function by electricity!

## As **programmers** we will:

This half-term, we will be continuing to learn to program using Sphero Robots .

## RE:

We will be learning about Christianity focusing on Incarnation. We will reflect on our own beliefs and sharing ideas respectfully.

## PE:

Practice skills for tag rugby including:

- Learning to follow the rules of the game and play fairly
  - Maintain possession of a ball.
  - Pass to teammates at appropriate times.
- We will also compose, and create a dance sequence.

## As **mathematicians** we will:

- Developing our strategies and written methods for multiplication and division with multiple-digit numbers
- Applying our calculation strategies in real-life contexts including the perimeter
- Handle and present data

## As **artists** we will:

Create a variety of portraits using pencils, paint and digital media.

## PSHE

We will be discussing bullying and completing different activities throughout Anti-Bullying Week.

## As **writers** we will:

Be reading the books 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters' and 'The Cake, The Wolf and the Witch'.

Using these key texts, we will be developing writing skills such as using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to add description and detail to our writing.

We will write short pieces of writing so that we can make changes to and improve spelling, grammar and handwriting.

## Music:

We will be learning to use and make our own graphic scores.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. The children made a fantastic start to the year last term, settling well into Year 3 and 4 and the more challenging demands of the lower Key Stage 2 curriculum.

As teachers, we were particularly impressed with their contributions in Topic lessons last term: they were keen to share their personal views about the Roman invasion of Britain and engaged in debate about this very successfully!

The children are developing in their independence with regard to the routine of life in Year 3/4 and this is an area that we'll continue to work on. Alongside discussing routine, we are also focussing on characteristics of effective learning including showing patience and resilience with mistakes and having the courage to challenge ourselves in all aspects of our learning.

We're looking forward to all of the discussions that our new topic, 'Heroes and Villains' will open up. They've already considered what makes someone a hero or a villain and also challenged each others' assumptions about what makes someone good or evil! I'm sure that they'll enjoy taking these discussions home to explore them further.

So that each child can fulfil their potential we ask that they read every night, and that you discuss the meaning of what they've read, including any unfamiliar words, with them a few times a week. Children can fill in their reading records themselves by writing the title of the book and then recording dates underneath it for every time that they've read so that the recording doesn't make reading an arduous process.

Please also encourage them to practice times tables daily, even if this just involves them counting forwards and then backwards in the multiples that they're focussing on or testing them with some quick fire questions. Their fluency in times tables is so crucial to their competency with longer and written calculation and success in maths in general. We're looking forwards to maths week next week where there'll be a range of unique and collaborative maths activities for them to apply their learning in.

Many thanks for all of your home support,

Ms Claydon, Miss Harvey and Mrs Pinches.

#### Key dates

- Y3/4 reading picnic—Monday 12th November, 14:30
- Christmas decoration day—Friday 30th November

#### Reminders

Children need to remember to bring a water bottle, book bag, reading book, reading record and a hooded coat to school every day.