



Year 4 Finches



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Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and had lots of fun! We are looking forward to a jam-packed half term with very exciting learning, World Book Day and Art Week. Details of our irresistible curriculum for this half-term can be found below.

Remember you can follow our Twitter feed and see what we are doing!

History

Our history question this half term is 'Were the Anglo Saxons really that great?' We will be exploring the main events of the Anglo-Saxon period and where this fits on a timeline within British history. This topic involves looking at artefacts and understanding what every day life was like for Anglo-Saxons.



Religious Education

The key questions are as follows:

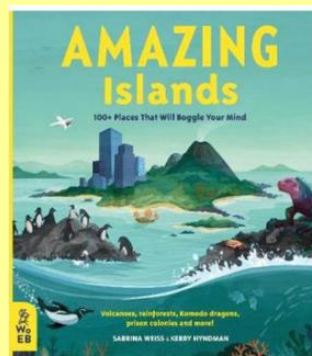
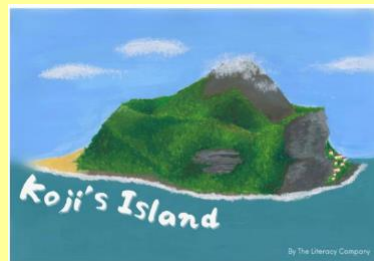
How do you think Mary Magdalene changed after visiting Jesus' tomb?

Why is the resurrection story similar and different in the Gospel stories?

English

Key Texts: Koji's Island, produced by The Literacy Company. Amazing Islands, by Sabrina Weiss and Kerry Hyndman

Our English focus will be fictional writing. We will be looking at two texts and building on our mastery skills, such as expanding noun phrases by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases.



Maths

This half term, White Rose maths focuses on fractions leading then to decimals.

We will also be continuing with our times tables practice.



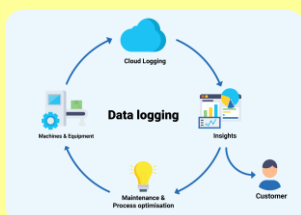
Physical Education

Finches will be having lessons in gymnastics (arching and bridges) and will learn invasion game skills.



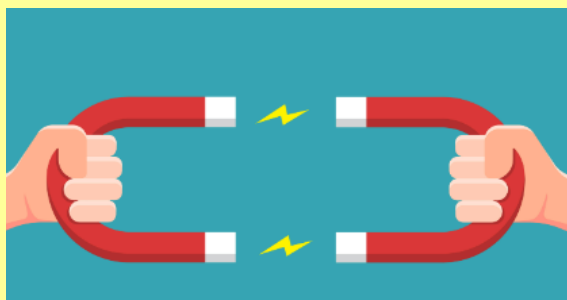
Computing

Our new computing unit; Data and information (Data logging) will help the children develop an understanding of why data is collected over time. Pupils will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment.



Science

We will be learning about forces and magnets in our physics topic this half term. This includes investigating forces, friction and magnetic attraction through a range of experiments. We will be looking magnetic field as well as balanced and unbalanced forces.



French

We will practise conversational phrases to allow us to engage in short dialogue with each other. We will respond to instructions given in French as well as using masculine and feminine nouns.

PSHE

"Healthy me" puzzle from our Jigsaw programme.



COAL

On Tuesday afternoons the children have a fantastic opportunity for creative, outdoor and adventurous learning. This includes music taught by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service and PE.

Reminders

Our COAL afternoon is Tuesday. Finches have Music and PE in their COAL lessons this half term. On P.E. days please send your children in their P.E kits, which they will stay in for the entire day on Tuesday and Thursday. Please be mindful that the children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms and tops; these need to be blue.

Homework for maths and English will be set on Fridays, to be completed by the following Friday. Reading books should be in school every day please.

I am looking forward to a fantastic half term, thank you in advance for all your support in these matters.

Mr. Aljilani (🌸)