

Year Two Newsletter
Summer 2020

Edith Nesbit



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Children will be learning:

English

This term, we will continue following the Talk4Writing scheme and study texts of different styles. The children will be developing their speaking and listening skills by retelling stories orally and acting out stories in drama-based activities. For our Summer humanities topic, we will be studying the local author, Edith Nesbit. The children will be reading stories written by Edith Nesbit, such as *The Railway Children* and *The Last Dragon*. They will be creating their own information texts about Edith Nesbit and will continue to develop their handwriting skills and spelling daily, as well as expanding their use of different punctuation and vocabulary. Children will also be continuing their work on phase 6 phonics.

Maths

This term, pupils will be revising topics from the beginning of the year in order to deepen their understanding. This will include: place value, calculation, fractions, money, time, measurement and shape. Children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of these concepts in more depth. We will explore using different methods and resources to solve problems. All topics taught this term will involve word problems and the skills needed in order to solve them. Children will also continue to learn their 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

Science

Our topic this term is *Plants*. The children will be learning about parts of a plant, what plants need in order to grow and how plants change overtime. We will be spending time in the Linnaeus Garden, observing the different plants and how they change through the season. Throughout the term, children will be working on planning and conducting simple investigations and will continue to develop their skills in suggesting questions as a basis of enquiry, predicting what might happen and recording evidence in tables and charts.

Computing

This term in Computing, children will be using comic software to create their very own comic which will be related to our humanities topic Edith Nesbit. We will also be looking at the computer program Kodable which helps us to use the if-then commands. Children will be shown how to input instructions, take screenshots and upload them.

Humanities

This term, our Humanities topic will be Edith Nesbit. They will learn how the famous author lived nearby in Eltham and have the opportunity to visit her home at Tudor Barn. The children will be using computers and iPads to research about Edith Nesbit, which will help them to create their information texts in English. We will be looking at her childhood, asking and answering questions about her life. We will be identifying differences between ways of life at different times, finding out about the past from a range of different sources. We will also be looking at the books she wrote and her many influences.

Art and DT

For Art, we will be focussing on skills such as observational drawing and painting, using media such as pencils, watercolours, oil pastels, charcoal and acrylic paint. In DT, the children will design and make their own piece of clothing, linking with our humanities topic on Edith Nesbit. The piece of clothing will be linked to the Victorian era.

Religious Education

This term, our RE topics are Hinduism and Sikhism. We will look at the importance of families in Hinduism; why honesty and truthfulness are important in Hinduism and how Hindus pray at home and in the temple. During our Sikhism topic, we will be looking at what Sikhs believe about God and what a Guru means and what does it mean to be equal?

Physical Education

In PE this term, the children will have dance for indoor sessions. They will focus on movement, shape and sequencing, by practising routines linking to a particular theme. For outdoor lessons, the children will develop their hitting, running and catching skills, through taking part in team sports such as, cricket and rounders. They will also have athletics lessons, building on their speed, agility and stamina.

Music

This term year 2 will be exploring beat, rhythm and pitch using their voices and body percussion. They will be singing songs, clapping to a continuous beat and learning rhythm patterns as well as having a go at composing their own rhythm patterns.