

English

We will be starting this half term by reading Phillip Pullman's *The Firework Maker's Daughter* looking at how he draws his readers in through his use of language. This will be accompanied by non-fiction books about light and more specifically the Northern Lights. We will be focusing on making our writing more interesting for the reader. Later on we will be reading *The Dancing Salmon*, an Alaskan Folktale about the Northern Lights.

We will be writing our own version of the first chapter from the book, and a letter from the main character to her father.

Art

We will be learning to print using a variety of techniques including layering. We will also be learning about using stitching and colours to create a more interesting finished piece.

ICT

This term we will be learning how to write a program to accomplish specific results

French

This term we will be learning the words for colours and for body parts.

Maths

This term we will be learning about fractions as part of a set and as parts of a whole number. We will learn how to record and recognise fractions and also how to add and subtract them. This will be used to solve some real life fractions problems. We will finish by learning more about telling the time. This will be done using analogue and digital clocks and we will learn about how Roman numerals are used in time.

Science

We will be learning about light this term in Science through a variety of practical activities. By the end of this half term we will be able to recognise and talk about the dangers of the light from the sun and how to protect ourselves. We will be exploring shadows and how they are formed alongside finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. We will learn that light is the fastest thing on earth and how it travels.

Let There Be Light

Year 3, Spring 1

Geography

We will be developing our locational knowledge this half term learning where countries are located in Europe, as well as being able to identify the position and significance of Equator, N. and S. Hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

PE

This term our focus will be on swimming. We will be swimming once a week and learning how to stay safe around water.

Religious Education

This term we will be learning all about Islam. We will learn how it is practiced and why it is important to Muslims.

Music

This term we will be starting to learn how to play the ukulele.

P.S.H.E and Mental Health

In PSHE this half term we are learning about how to stay safe and what we can do when we need help. We will explore the importance of relationships in our lives and how to support each others mental health through the way we interact with each other.