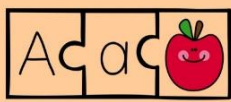


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 ENGLISH	Our first class text will be the <i>Gruffalo</i>. We will be exploring the story and working towards writing a recount, with a focus on using descriptive language. We will also be developing our writing skills by practising the correct use of capital letters and full stops.	 MATHS	We will be focusing on place value and developing our understanding of numbers within 10. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, using our knowledge of numbers 0-10 to solve a range of problems. We will also be developing our understanding of number bonds to 10 to help build strong foundations in calculation.
 SCIENCE	Our topic is <i>Animals, Including Humans</i>. We will be learning about different groups of animals, focusing on their characteristics and the types of diets they have. We will also explore the human body and develop our understanding of the different parts that make up our bodies and their functions.	 COMPUTING	We will be developing our mouse skills on laptops, learning how to click, drag and control the cursor accurately. We will be working towards creating a piece of collaborative digital artwork, using the mouse as our paintbrush to create and contribute to a shared design.
 GEOGRAPHY	We are focusing on our local area. We will be learning about human and physical features and identifying these within our community. We will also explore what makes our local area special and why it is an important place to live, work and visit.	 ART	In Art, our topic this half term is <i>Drawing: Exploring Line and Shape</i>. Throughout this unit, children will explore a variety of lines, shapes, and drawing techniques. They will experiment with different ways of creating effects in their artwork, developing their observational skills, creativity, and confidence when using a range of drawing materials.
 PHONICS	We will spend the first couple of weeks revising Level 4 to consolidate our learning before moving on to Level 5. We will be learning new graphemes, including ay/ai, oy/oi, ie/igh and ea/ee, and practising reading and spelling words containing these sounds. We will also be learning new tricky words, including could, should, would, want, Mr and Mrs, to help develop our reading and writing skills.	 MUSIC	Our Music topic this half term is <i>Keeping the Pulse</i>. Throughout this unit, children will develop their understanding of pulse, patterns, and rhythms through a range of practical musical activities. They will learn to recognise and keep a steady pulse, identify rhythmic patterns, and explore how rhythm is used to create and perform music.
 P.S.H.E	Our PSHE topic is <i>Our Healthy Self</i>. Throughout this unit, we will spend time exploring the different emotions we may experience and developing our understanding of strategies we can use when dealing with intense emotions, such as anger, sadness, or frustration.	 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Our RE topic this half term is <i>How Did the World Begin?</i> Throughout this unit, children will explore the concept of creation and consider what it means to different people. They will learn about a range of religious creation stories and beliefs, developing an understanding of how different faiths explain the origins of the world and why these beliefs are important to their followers.
 P.E	Our first topic will be <i>Fundamentals</i>, where we will explore and develop our balance, coordination and movement skills through a range of fun activities. Later in the half term, we will move on to <i>Dance</i>, with a focus on Yoga, helping us to improve our balance, flexibility and body control while learning simple sequences and poses.		