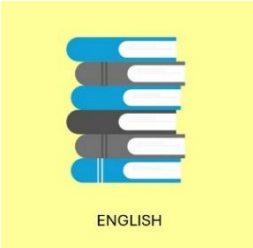
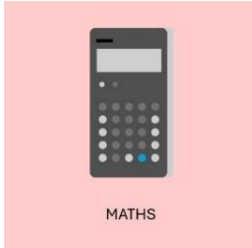
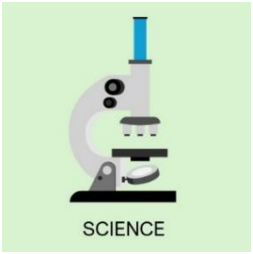
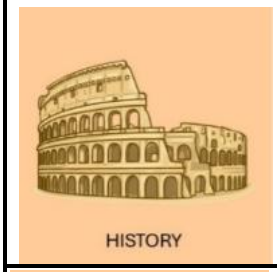
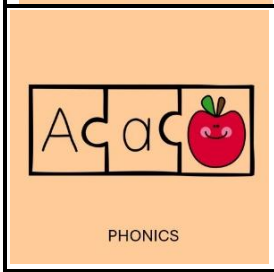
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 ENGLISH	The children will be using the text 'stardust' to create an imaginative narrative story and the text 'Meercat Christmas' to inspire their own writing of a postcard. They will understand the structure of both the texts and the necessary features needed. We will continue our whole class reading lessons, where the children will read a variety of texts and focus on specific reading skills to further their understanding of what they are reading.	 MATHS	**Addition and subtraction** We will be continuing our topic and learning to find 10 more and 10 less than a given number. The children will also be learning to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers across a ten and compare and solve number sentences problems. **Shape** We will be learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and describe their properties. We will be learning to recognise and see lines of symmetry and count faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes.
 SCIENCE	Our science topic this half term is 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning about the basic needs that all humans need to survive and live. We will be looking closely at the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and good hygiene as ways to keep us healthy. We will also be learning about offspring and how animals, including humans develop and change into adults as they grow.	 COMPUTING	In this unit, children will develop an understanding for what algorithms are and how to program them. We will also learn how they can be developed to be more effective.
C  HISTORY	Our history topic this half term is 'War and Remembrance' where the children will learn about a significant even in British and global history. The children will learn about Walter Tull and his significance. They will use a range of historical sources to understand the past as well as learning about how and why Remembrance Day is marked.	 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Our design and Technology learning this half term will be focused on mechanisms. We will be learning about how objects work and move and explore different design options.
 PHONICS	Our phonics lessons will support the children to learn the following spelling rules: • 'wr' saying /r/ • 'le' saying/l/ • Adding 'er' and 'est'to words ending 'y' • 'el' saying /l/ • 'eer' saying /ear/ • 'ture' saying /cher/	 MUSIC	Our music topic of 'instruments' will help the children to learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo.
 P.S.H.E	In this unit, connecting with others, we will learn to recognise how families and communities can be similar and different. We will learn about kindness, respect and positive relationships.	 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Our topic this half term is 'Why is light important to people?'. The children will explore beliefs about what light mean to other people and reflect on the similarities and differences between festivals.
 P.E	**Dance** The children will be learning to use their body to create sequences of movements and explore and respond to music. **Ball skills** The children will be learning to develop their dribbling, passing and receiving skills. They will be combining their skills in order to keep possession and score points during games.		

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