



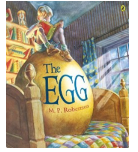
Year 2 Curriculum Overview - Heroes & Dragons

Summer 1 2024

Curriculum Intent: Our curriculum focus at the start of this half term is on the fantasy world of dragons! We will begin the topic with a surprise in the classroom. This will lead on to an investigation, encouraging the children to be curious, ask questions and use their imaginations. We intend the children to be engaged, enthusiastic and excited by this learning. This topic will drive our reading, writing and art. Later, we move into the question of 'heroes' - why is Nelson a local hero? We intend children to become fully immersed in finding out about Nelson and his flagship HMS Victory. They will understand his significance and legacy to both us as a local area but also the Royal Navy as a whole.



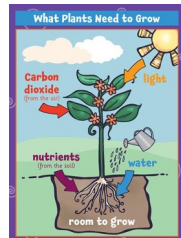
English— To engage the children fully in our dragon topic, there may be a few surprises in the classroom this half term! The writing we do will be driven by a focus on the book 'The Egg' by M.P. Robertson and our Book Talk Reading will focus on 'There is no dragon in this story' by Lou Carter. The children will be encouraged to apply all of the writing skills they have learnt during Year 2 so far. We will particularly focus on correct punctuation, applying the spellings of our common Year 2 red words consistently and ensuring we use lots of description when writing about our dragons! We will work on improving our skills of editing so that we can begin to spot our own mistakes.



Maths— This will include revisiting money (how many ways can you make 65p with different coins?), learning how to solve fractions of shape and number (including half, quarters, thirds, three-quarters and two-thirds), and practising our calculation skills in relation to multiplication and division (in particular 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x). Towards the end of the half term we will be learning about reading scales, whether that is on a thermometer, measuring jug or on weighing scales, so lots of practice at home would be helpful in preparation for this.

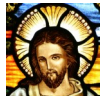


Science— Our focus will be on plants. We will learn to identify what it is that most plants need to survive. We will carry our investigations related to plants and links this to our understanding of the seasons and weather.



History— History is our particular focus this half term. We will be finding out who Nelson was and why he is still remembered today both locally and across the country. We will learn to gather information from sources and find out when he was alive. We will learn about life in the Royal Navy during the early 1800s and what life was like on board HMS Victory. We will discover why Nelson is thought of as a 'hero'. Our history learning will culminate in our visit to HMS Victory in Portsmouth! We can't wait!

RE— Our concept in RE this half term is 'Worship'. We will be exploring places of worship and types of worship for both Christians and Sikhs, and looking at the similarities and differences.



Art— In Art we will be learning to develop our sculpting and modelling skills with clay. We will use different tools creatively to create a dragon's eye from clay. We will evaluate our Art and think about what worked well and what could be improved.



Computing— We will be learning to present information in different ways using technology on our Purple-Mash online platform. Look out for the To Do's at home!



Music— Mrs Reynolds, from Hampshire Music Service, will teach the children Ukelele this term. Learning to play involves many skills including hand/eye coordination, finger control and timing. We will continue to learn about pitch, duration and tempo.



PE — On a **Wednesday afternoon** our PE will be taught by our specialist PE coaches who will be teaching **Archery**. This half term on a **Thursday afternoon** we will be learning **Tennis** (outside). As it is outside please make sure they are dressed in PE kit for warm or cold weather (depending on the forecast!) - please ensure this is **SCHOOL PE kit** (red or white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings)

PSHE (Jigsaw) - Our Jigsaw learning will focus on relationships this half term. We will talk about making friends and how to resolve conflict in those friendships. We will discuss 'secrets' and 'trust' and how we should learn to appreciate both our families and friends.



Forest - We will be identifying common plants and trees in the forest as part of our Science learning. We may also find some unusual objects related to our 'dragons' topic... watch this space...

