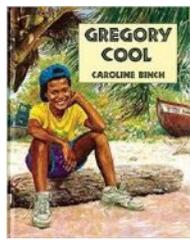




“Wish you were here”

Our introductory topic is 'Journeys' and we have chosen the theme 'Wish you were here'. We will be focusing on the book 'Gregory Cool' and thinking about travel, holidays and stopping our lollies from melting!!



English

Our main focus in English lessons this term will be around the book 'Gregory Cool' by Carolin Binch. During our English sessions, we will be doing lots of drama and empathising with the main characters in the story to understand their feelings. We will be extracting information from the illustrations in the book to predict events and emotions too. There will be lots of opportunities for writing, especially centred around characters personal experiences and feelings. We will write a variety of genres including poetry, playscripts and diary entries.

Mathematics and computing

Our focus in maths this term is the use and application of number skills, particularly looking at reasoning and problem solving within 100, using understanding of place value and partitioning to help. These skills will enable the children to practice mental addition and subtraction skills and solve problems using these. We will also be practising creating and reading graphs and measuring length and perimeter so expect some shared maths homework activities later this half term based on these areas. Each child will have their own individual target based on X tables. Please talk to your child about their target and help them to achieve this by asking them quick fire questions about their times table targets.



Physical Development

Year 3 will be practising 'Ball skills' and team game tactics this half term, including catching and throwing, attacking and defending and passing and dribbling. Throughout this school year, during enrichment time, the children will get a chance to either take part in orienteering, Forest School, country dancing and archery. They will also take part in drama and 'Nature Detectives'. All of these activities offer opportunities for physical exercise, time outdoors, building self confidence and team work.

Expressive Art and Design

During the theme we will be creating our own colourful Tobago inspired artwork based on the artist Cynthia McLean. We will learn sketching, colour mixing and painting techniques and also look at iconic Norwich buildings. We hope to also study music based on 'journeys' and create our own journeys soundscapes.



Understanding the World



In geography, the children will be learning about Tobago and using atlases and globes to locate the UK, Norwich and Tobago. They

will use maps to learn about topographical features and related symbols and grid references. We will take part in science investigations to find out about insulation and how to keep cold things cold - ice lollies! The children will design their own experiments, make predictions, observe results and draw conclusions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We will be using R Time to develop team work skills. This theme will encourage the children to empathise with a range of people, including their classmates. We shall have a particular focus on showing respect and good manners to each other, and link these ideas to the school's golden reminders.

Homework

Given out on Thursday and returned from Monday-Thursday the following week.
CLJ or Comprehension (fortnightly rotation), Maths and Spellings every week.
All children to read 5 TIMES if possible per week and record this in their reading records to collect GOLDEN TICKETS!!