MATHS

This term we will be focusing on a variety of topics. We will be starting with our block on money. We will be able to recognise different coins and their values before moving on to adding different coins to make different amounts. We will learn to give change and solve problems using money.

After that we will be beginning our block on multiplication and division. We will start with the concepts of practical grouping and sharing before we move on to more formal methods.

We will begin to look at formal multiplication in the form of times tables and we will begin to use and write mathematical statements for all of the four main operations with confidence.

Year 2 Term 4 – Who was Walter Tull? (History)

In this unit, we will be learning about Walter Tull who attended our school and was a local hero. Using Michaela Morgan’s scrapbook on Walter Tull, we will start by learning who Walter Tull was and when he lived. We will walk down the road to see the house he lived in and we will look at photos to see how things have changed since. Next, we will learn about his childhood and what school was like for him at Mundella. We will explore the football career of Walter Tull and consider why he was different from most people from his time, we will make links back to Mary Seacole and think about why these people were brave, trail-blazers of their time. We will make comparisons between his life as a footballer and what life is like for footballers today. By the end of this topic, we will understand that he went on to fight in WW1 and help his country. We will learn that many of his challenges are still relevant today. By the end of this unit, we will understand why Walter Tull was significant.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be delving into the world of computer programming. Starting off with physical programming with BeeBots before progressing through to more complicated software; Scratch. Children will program simple moves and actions.

MUSIC

We continue to develop our skills in playing the Glockenspiel. This time, the song we will be using for inspiration is called, ‘Zoo Time’, a reggae song written specifically for children. We will continue to refine our instrument playing skills and begin to compose our own music.

ART

This term we will be looking at the work of the famous 20th century sculpture artist Alexander Calder. After appreciating and discussing his work, we will use his ‘stabiles’ as inspiration to create our own mobile-style sculptures, using our knowledge of shapes and colour to create it.

SCIENCE

This term, we continue to learn about animals including humans. We will be investigating the question: How do animals and humans grow?

We will look at life-cycles and how some animals go through a process called metamorphosis.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be focussing on the idea of ‘growing up’. We will be able to name the parts of the human body, including those parts private to us. We will consider the concept of consent and we will begin to question gender stereotypes.

RE

This term we are considering celebrations: what they are, and how and how they are celebrated. We will mainly be focussing on the Christian celebration of Easter which we will then be comparing to the festival of Pesach in Judaism.

PE

This term we continue our tennis coaching. We will be building on our skills from last term, developing racket and ball handling techniques. Indoors, we will take part in a series of lessons developing our dancing skills based around the theme of ‘shadows’.