

ENGLISH

In English, the class will be studying two texts related to the theme of New York. The first one, 'The Man who Walked Between the Towers', is a picture book about the inspiring true story of Philippe Petit's tight rope walk between the Twin Towers. We will be using the story as a stimulus for writing a letter, a recount, an interview, a news report, a persuasive speech, a biography and an autobiography. The second text, 'Some Places More Than Others' is a novel set in Harlem. In the story, the main character is given the task to investigate her 'roots' and put her findings in a suitcase- we will be doing the same! We will be filling our suitcases with letters, poems, recipes and diary entries, as well as conducting interviews and finding out about our own families.



Other Information

PE will take place every Friday. Please monitor Google Classrooms for homework being set and for return dates'.

MATHS

In maths, place value will be our first focus-we will be reading and writing large numbers (including decimals), as well as, identifying their value, rounding and ordering them. The children will understand and recognise what multiples, factors, prime numbers, square and cube numbers are. We will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers both mentally and in a formal written method. In fractions, we will be looking at equivalent fractions; how to simplify fractions; changing fractions from improper to mixed numbers and finally adding and subtracting fractions. The children will be tested every two weeks on their arithmetic skills.

Foundation Subjects

In Science, we will be focusing on forces and will be specifically looking at gravity, air resistance and water resistance. The class will be given numerous opportunities to plan and carry out investigations including creating a parachute that will safely land an egg (might be a messy lesson!). In music, we will be listening to songs with the theme of New York and learning to sing with controlled breathing. In DT, the class will start by using the work of the street artist Banksy to inspire them to create poignant graffiti stencils. Then, later in the half-term, they will be taking part in planning and making their own authentic New York sub sandwiches. In history, the class will be focusing on the history of the World Trade Centre- the construction, destruction and the building of a memorial. In geography, we will start by looking at New York city, specifically: early settlers; where it is; climate; currency; who lives there (population); important landmarks and tourism. Then we will compare the city to an extremely different location: Earith! In RE, the focus will be Judaism and will include looking at places of worship, Holy books and celebrations. The children will be having their PE lessons with a sport's coach, who will be focusing on athletics and outdoor and adventure activities with the class. In PSHE, we will frequently be promoting the children's 'well-being' and also looking at rules and responsibilities within school and the wider community.