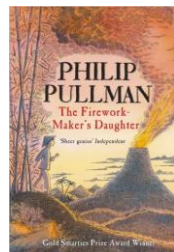


The Firework Maker's Daughter

Autumn Term 2

This topic has been primarily designed to develop children's reading and story-writing skills. The children will focus heavily on the text 'The Firework Maker's daughter' by Phillip Pullman in order to understand the key features of a quest story. They will develop their comprehension skills through analysis of the text and conventions of story-telling.



English

During this topic the children will be learning the key features of a quest story in order to write a 'missing' chapter for the book, The Firework Maker's Daughter. The children will be focusing on building a narrative through the development of their setting and character descriptions.

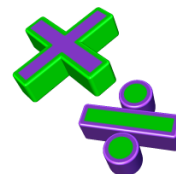


RE

Our focus this half term will be on understanding Buddhism as this is closely linked to the story.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on developing our understanding of measurement. We will be converting between units as well as calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We will then be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be using known number facts and formal written methods of multiplication and division to carry out increasingly more challenging calculations.



Science

This half term the children will be learning about sound. We will explore how sound travels through the air as well as through the ear. In addition, the children will think about how pitch and volume can be changed and how sound is caused by an object vibrating.

Art/DT

In this topic the children will become firework-maker's apprentices and will be designing and constructing their own fireworks. The children will also be developing their sculpting skills through clay to create characters from the story.

Music

In music the children will be learning about Indonesian Gamelan. They will be performing and composing music based on patterns using

percussion. The children will predominantly be using xylophones.

Computing

During Computing this half term, online safety will be centred around 'Sharing Information'. The children will take part in discussions and problem solving scenarios designed to make them understand the importance of keeping information private. The children will be creating a multilevel collection game based on The Firework Maker's Daughter.

PE

During PE sessions, the children will be learning to use rolls and inversions are incorporate them with a partner in short routines.

Christmas Production

This half term the children will also be busy rehearsing for the Christmas production.



Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework, spellings and times tables. You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial to their learning.