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Overview of
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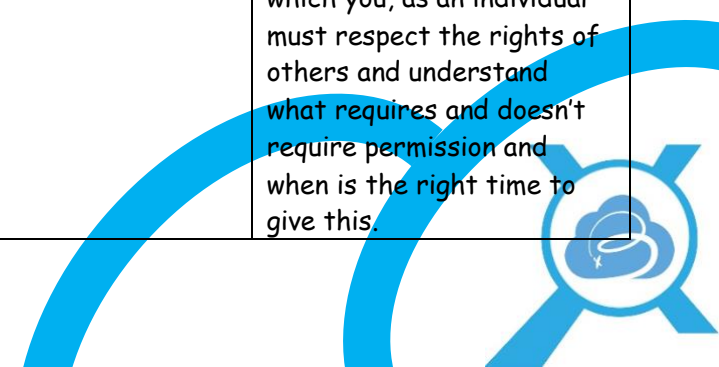
This term we are learning about
"Why do we celebrate?"



Our Change Maker principle,
this term is 'Positivity'



English	Maths	Science	Computing	PSHE/RSE
<p>Our book focus this half term is - The BFG by Roald Dahl</p> <p>The children will be working on their independent reading skills, improving fluency and confidence when reading out loud to peers.</p> <p>Your young people will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making predictions - Making character profiles - Making setting descriptions - Retrieving key information - Writing an overview of the text - Summarising the story whilst improving their knowledge of the text. <p>SPAG focus - improving confidence of basic SPAG skills.</p> <p>Reading comprehension - encouraging retrieval of information to answer questions.</p>	<p>Our focus in Maths for most this half term is place value.</p> <p>Your child will be studying numbers beyond 10,000,000 whilst being able to read and write these numbers correctly.</p> <p>Children will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The number line to 10,000 -Power of 10 -Comparing and order any integers as well as rounding them correctly. <p>Times table practice will be another big focus for our young people this half term. With the main focus being on their 2,3,4,5 and 10 times table whilst some pupils have confidently developed these skills with regular practice weekly and are going on to study their 6, 7 and 8 times tables.</p>	<p>This half term we will be looking at:</p> <p>We will be studying how living things are different.</p> <p>Your young people will learn that a species is a group of organisms that can reproduce as well as learning the similarities and differences between the difference species.</p> <p>They will learn about how an organism is adapted and how animals adapt.</p> <p>With a study on fossils, what can it tell us as well as learning further about evolution and how it happens.</p>	<p>The study focus this half term is: Audience & purpose, visual and design skills when focusing on presentations</p> <p>The pupils will get an introduction to presentations. Allowing them to understand what a presentation is and why we use them.</p> <p>We will choose a design for a specific audience and purpose followed by pupils adding and formatting text clearly for the audiences understanding and interest.</p> <p>Children will learn how to insert and edit images along with them using simple animations appropriately to show various speeds.</p>	<p>Self-care, Support and safety.</p> <p>Young people will be studying different situations which may support them with their self-care, support and safety in the future.</p> <p>They will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of themselves • Stay safe • Trust • Keep safe online <p>Whilst learning the difference between public and private when demonstrating ways in which you, as an individual must respect the rights of others and understand what requires and doesn't require permission and when is the right time to give this.</p>



<p>Daily spelling practice and a weekly spelling test to improve skills.</p>	<p>Familiarity of the four operations + - \times \div. For most of your young people, they will be attempting some arithmetic maths questions. Some reasoning questions are also going to be studied to prepare them for their SATS.</p> <p>Using their mathematical knowledge and methods to help adding and subtracting to 20 whilst having a familiarity of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>			
<p>Geography & History</p>	<p>Art and DT</p>	<p>PE & Music</p>	<p>MFL & RE</p>	

Geography-
The Americas

This half term young people will be studying:

- Continents, countries and cities
- Location
- Weather and climate
- Comparing places - UK fieldwork,
- Comparing places - North America

Pupils will be identifying a wide range of countries in both North and South America.

Describing the climates of different regions across the Americas.

Identifying physical and human geographical feature of my local area whilst identifying similarities and differences in human and physical geography when studying my own local area and a region in North America.

History-

This half term we are continuing our study on **Mayan Civilisation**

Young children will be looking at:

- The Mayan Calendar
- Mayan numbers

Art-

We will be studying Southern and Central American art.

The pupils will be encouraged to explore different American art styles whilst adapting and refining motifs into personal designs.

Young people will be using clay to add surface, detail and decoration to their artwork which is influenced by Southern and Central American patterns / styles.

Design Technology-

Designing and making a Christmas photo frame.

Pupils will be discussing the design idea and its purpose. They will be looking at different types of photo frames, thinking about the materials required along with the decoration and its function.

Your young children will use designs studied to help sketch their favourite frame design, labelling key features and materials needed in order to make this effectively. Once a design is completed, children will begin creating their design, following step by step methods in order to ensure the frame is accessible whilst making sure it fits its purpose.

PE -

The topic for PE this half term is dance.

Young people will have the opportunity to explore various dance styles whilst learning key vocabulary linked to this sport. They will look at developing sequences in specific styles as well as working alone and as part of a group. Young people will explore beats and counts of music to put actions to. They will compare performances with previous ones to demonstrate improvements.

Music -

Learning how to sing Christmas songs.

Your young children will learn how to sing:
Feliz Navidad
Rocking Around the Christmas tree
Last Christmas

Whilst learning the nativity Christmas songs during rehearsals when preparing for our Christmas performance.

Children will:

Perform in front of their peers
Gain a sense of ensemble and performance
Learn accurate pitching

They will be able to listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music as they use musical words when following a piece of music.

In Spanish this half term your children will study:

Phonics and the phonetic sounding and pronunciation of letters and words.

Firstly we will introduce the first set of phonics sounds/phonemes in Spanish. The sounds are: ch j ñ ll rr
The following sounds are: ca ce ci co cu

Going on to study some more phonics sounds which will help your young person with their basic Spanish communication.

We will be ending the half term positively with your pupils being able to hopefully communicate with their peers in Spanish.



In RE, children are learning what Bible stories teach about the idea of a 'covenant'—a special promise or agreement between God and people. They will explore stories such as Noah, Abraham, and Moses to see how these promises show trust, commitment, and responsibility. By understanding these examples, children begin to see why covenants are important in the Bible

- Mayan religion
- Art and Architecture
- Pok-ak-tok ball game
- The decline of the Mayans
- Mayan society today

These objectives will allow children to explore the Mayan numbers and calendar system which discovering the Mayan Gods and religious beliefs.

Young children will be given the opportunity to appreciate the art and architecture while drawing or making their own version of a Mayan pyramid or piece of artwork.



Food Technology-

In Food Technology this half term your young children will be making a variety of different foods, following recipes step by step whilst using different ingredients.

We will be making:

Bonfire chocolate

apples

Birthday Cake

Diwali sweets

Homemade
cheeseburgers

Christmas Gingerbread

Turkey and stuffing toasties

Mince pies



and how they continue to influence the beliefs and values of many people today.

