

Literacy

The children will continue to develop their story writing skills, in particular creating a story with a fantasy setting. They will also research information books and produce their own information writing about nocturnal animals.

The children will write recounts of their experiences using the past tense and use some time connectives including; *then, after that and finally*. Children will begin to understand how to use alphabetical ordering to look up words in dictionaries and reinforce learning. On-going activities: reading, spelling, handwriting and sounds-write (phonics).

LQ – Why are some people afraid of the dark?

History

The children will look at similarities and differences between how people used different light sources in that past and present day.

LQ – How have light sources changed over time?

Art

Children will create shadow puppets and create artwork based on a stained glass window design.

LQ – What colours will reflect the most light?

Design Technology

Moving picture - The children develop an understanding of simple mechanisms through designing and making moving silhouette pictures to be used for storytelling activities.

LQ – Can I use shadows to make my picture move?

Numeracy

Children will be solving problems and puzzles using addition/subtraction and saying how they worked out the problem. The children will reinforce their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. They will learn about symmetry and explore this in nature and art. They will continue to use money in a real life situation.

LQ – How can we use our maths to help us learn more about Light and Dark?

Geography

LQ – How does the sunshine affect countries around the world?

What can we find out about Day and Night?

Summer Term Year 1

Physical Education

The children will learn how to play Rounders and the importance of being a team. In addition to developing athletics and multi-skills abilities.

LQ- Am I a good team member?

Topic Day

The children can come to school dressed as a day animal or a nocturnal animal.

Possible School Trips

Eagle Heights

LQ – What are the similarities and differences between owls and eagles?

Science

Light and Dark: Children will develop their understanding of the need for light in order to see things. They will make observations and comparisons.

LQ – Why do we need light? Why can we or see shadows when it is bright?

Growing plants - Children will develop their present understanding of plants. They will explore the idea of plants as living things which grow and change. Children should become aware of similarities and differences in plants. Children will use the school garden to explore and investigate plants.

LQ – Can plants grow in the dark?

Information and Communication Technology

The children will be using an ICT programme – Smart Learning to help improve their skills when using the computer and laptop.

Religious Education

Resurrection - Know that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that he was truly risen and was with them and that this made them very happy.

LQ – How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus?

Miracles – Know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid.

LQ – How can we help each other?

Music

Children will be exploring pulse and rhythm. Playing instruments with music teacher Mrs Ley.