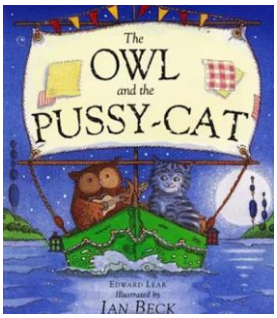
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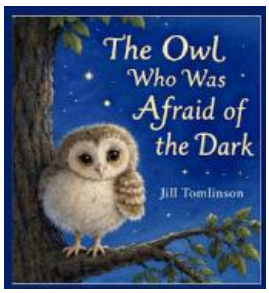
Important dates:
Odd Sock Day – Monday 16th November
Egyptian Day – Tuesday 17th November
Christmas play (am) - Friday 11th December
Christmas play (pm) – Wednesday 16th December

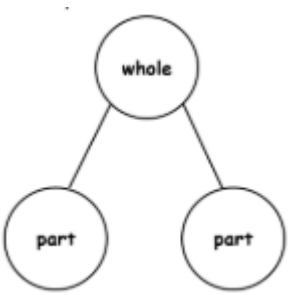
English

This half term we are starting off with our poetry unit. The children will learn and rehearse their performance of the Owl and the Pussy Cat. We will then explore different features of poetry to support them in writing their own poetry.

During our writing unit we will be looking at the Owl Who was afraid of the dark. During our lessons the children will be learning how to inform their audience by writing a fact sheet. They will gather information from the text to create a non-chronological report.









Maths

This term we will be building on our understanding of addition and subtraction, exploring different strategies to solve number problems with confidence. The children will use practical equipment, drawings, and written methods to help them add and subtract numbers in a variety of ways. We will also use part-whole models and number lines to represent and explain our thinking.
Later in the term, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children will explore the properties of shapes by sorting, naming, and describing them using mathematical language such as edges, vertices and faces. They will investigate shapes in real-life contexts through practical activities, games and challenges to help develop their spatial awareness and reasoning skills.

History

This half term, History is all about Ancient Egypt. We will be exploring aspects of religious life and burial customs, why pyramids were built, hieroglyphs, the reign of Akhenaten, Nefertiti and Hatshepsut. We will also have an Egyptian day to celebrate what we have learned so far on **Tuesday 17th of November.**





Geography

This half term in Geography we will be exploring a non-European country by looking at Egypt. Egypt is a large country in northern Africa. We will be exploring the landscape and climate of this country and think abut how the River Nile helped to fertilise the land and the impact this had on making the country habitable. This links with History and Art to develop their understandings.

PE

In indoor PE this half-term, Year 2 will be exploring a Space Dance unit, where they will learn to move their bodies creatively and confidently. By the end of the unit, the children will work on remembering and performing a sequence, aiming to show improved control, timing, and confidence in their space-themed routines.

In outdoor PE this half-term, Year 2 will be taking part in a Multi-Skills unit, where they will develop key physical skills to support their confidence and coordination.

Children need to wear their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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PSHE (Jigsaw)

This term in PSHE, we will be following the Jigsaw theme 'Celebrating Difference'. The children will be learning about what makes them unique and special, and how to celebrate the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

We will also be learning about different types of families and how everyone's home life and experiences can be different but equally important. The children will work on developing empathy, understanding and friendship skills to help create a caring and inclusive classroom community.

During Anti-Bullying week (w/c 15th November) we will be learning about how to identify bullying. We will also think about what to do if we feel bullied or notice someone else being bullied. To create awareness we will have Odd Sock day on **Monday 16th November**.





RE

This term in RE, we will be learning about Jesus and stories that help us understand his identity. The children will explore what these stories tell Christians about who Jesus is and why he is important to them. We will look at stories such as Jesus and Zacchaeus and The Lost Sheep, discussing what these teach about forgiveness, kindness and belonging.

Through storytelling, discussion and creative activities, the children will reflect on their own sense of identity and think about what makes each person special and unique. This will help them make links between the values shown in Jesus' life and how these can be reflected in their own actions and relationships.

Science

This half term, science is all about looking at living things; where they live; the differences between living and non-living things; and things that have never been alive. We will explore the things that animals, humans and plants need to stay alive and how we can tell if something is non-living.



Art

In ART we will be looking at Ancient Egyptian art that was produced between the 31st century BC and the 4th century AD. This includes painting, sculptures, drawings on papyrus, jewellery, ivories, architecture and other art. This will help develop their understandings of Ancient Egypt linking to their History learning.





Design & Technology

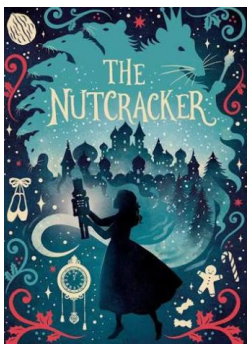
In Autumn term we will be exploring Food: Vegetable Attack! The children will learn Vegetables are a type of food that comes from plants. They grow in gardens and farms, just like flowers and trees. We eat vegetables because they are good for our bodies and help us stay healthy and strong. By the end of the unit the children will prepare and make their own healthy snack and then evaluate it.

Spelling & Phonics

We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words and a range of spelling pattens. This half term will develop their understanding of homophones (words that are spelled differently by sound the same) and silent letters through the use of the jungle spelling programme.

In phonics the children will have daily lessons focusing on one sound a week linked to their reading book which will be sent home every Friday.





Music

In our Music work this half term we will learn all about the Nutcracker ballet. We will discuss
the different pieces of music that make up the suite and learn to play along to the music on different instruments.