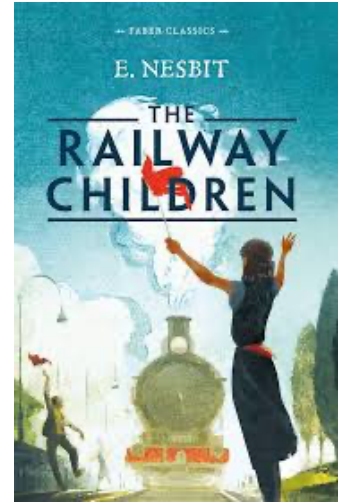


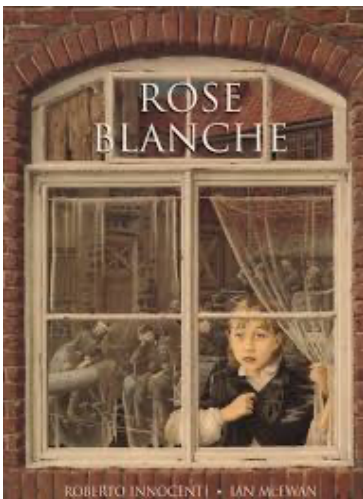
What am I learning about this half term?

Reading

Our new reading text, *The Railway Children* by Edith Nesbit. This classic novel is set in Edwardian England and tells the story of three children whose father is wrongly imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. As we learn of the adventures the children get up to living near a railway, we will be developing our understanding of classic texts, extending our vocabulary, and investigating the theme of kindness and friendship.



Writing

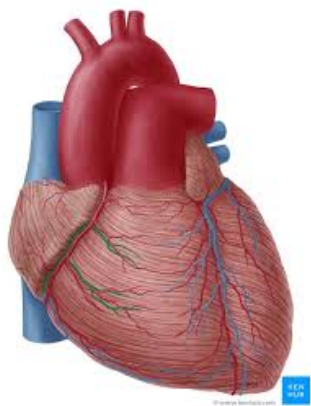


This half term we will be basing our writing on the picture book, *Rose Blanche*. The book is set in WWII Germany and tells the story of war and conflict through the eyes of a young girl. We will be focusing on the art of composing writing through an unreliable narrator and developing our ability to use voice to tell a very different story to what we know from our History lessons.

Maths

We are beginning our Spring Terms Maths by continuing to develop our understanding of decimals from applying our knowledge of the four operations to decimals to understanding how to convert decimals into fractions and vice versa. We will then be learning all about percentages - what they mean and how we can use them in real world scenarios. Finally, we will consolidate all our learning by understanding the relationship between all three: fractions, decimals and percentages.





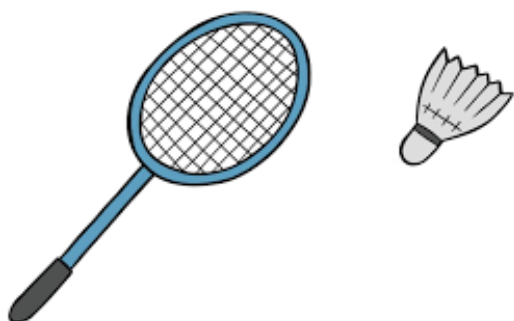
This half term, we will be exploring 'Animals Including Humans!' During this topic, the children will be learning all about the circulatory system including the heart, what blood is made up of and how to look after our hearts and bodies by hypothesising, experimenting, and concluding their findings. The children will even have the opportunity to make their own blood!

Religious Education

In our RE lessons, we will be learning all about Hinduism and where the religion originated from. The children will be engaging with a range of people and their experiences of faith, learning how belief and values can be represented differently and what commitment to faith looks like through different religions. By the end of this unit, children will be able to explain how Hindus celebrate the stages of life and how Moksha impacts people's lives and their communities.



Physical Education



Throughout our PE lessons this half term, alongside Dale, the children will be developing their skills through Dance and Badminton. Through dance the children will develop their understanding of rhythm and transitional movements through developing their confidence and ability to perform. Badminton will allow children to develop their hand-eye co-ordination, speed, agility and endurance.

Art

Our Art unit this half term is all about Exploring Expressionism - Matisse. Henry Matisse is well known for his creative use of colour and shape. The children will be experimenting with a range of techniques to master their own interpretations of expressionism. The children will create a final art piece that they will be encouraged to discuss in depth noting the execution and meaning behind their art to develop their sense of self as artists.



Music



This term, the children will be exploring the music of the 70s through "You've Got A Friend" by Carole King. We will be considering the features of the genre and children will have a go at composing and improvising their own pieces as well as using the glockenspiels. The children will develop their confidence in experimenting with the different elements of music: dynamics, tempo, pitch, rhythm, and texture.

Geography

We are beginning this term by practising our map skills and exploring different types of maps! We will look at their features and purposes and have a go at reading and interpreting them, even drawing our own! We will be looking at six-figure grid references and apply our knowledge by locating different features and locations. We will also be conducting a local field study using a range of approaches including digital resources, graphs, plans, and sketches. The children will be looking for both physical and human features.



History



Children will be exploring WWII and its significance in British history and the implications of this on everyday Britain both then and now including the impact on women and children as well as the effect propaganda had on men specifically. Children will be developing their understanding of the leaders of WWII Britain and Germany and making comparisons between the two. Children will be using evidence, debates and a range of sources to understand this event in depth.

Design Technology

'Mama's Spaghetti' is the focus of our DT learning this term. The children will be considering taste, texture and purpose when creating their very own Spaghetti Bolognese. There will be taste testing, research lessons, healthy eating considerations and evaluations to create a delicious recipe fit for the sprawling city of Bologna. The children will be able to show off their cooking abilities in a class showcase!



PSHE

Dreams and Goals is the focus of this half term's PSHE lessons where children will consider what their own goals for their futures are. They will consider what the steps for success are and how they can help make a difference both in their immediate communities and on a much larger scale. The children will also be given the opportunity to develop their ability to recognise and acknowledge their goals that they have already achieved.

Computing

This spring, our 'Variables in Games' unit will allow the children to explore how games can be created in 'Scratch'. We will be experimenting with a range of features and variables to make a range of games. The children will assess the effectiveness of their games and continue to refine their creations.

