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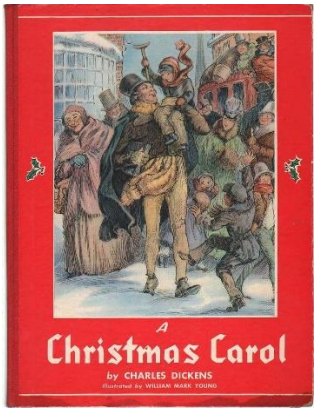
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. We have had a fantastic start to the year and the children have settled brilliantly into life in Magpies Class. We are looking forward to another exciting half term filled with engaging learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Our topics for this half term are:

Maths – This term, we will be focusing on **Fractions, Multiplication and Division**. Children will develop their fluency with calculations, deepen their understanding of number relationships and apply their learning to reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Literacy – Our focus text this term will be **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. Through studying this classic text, children will explore characters, themes and language choices before writing their own **letters to Mr Scrooge**, using persuasive and reflective writing techniques.



Science - In Science, we will be studying **Classification of Living Things**. Children will learn how scientists group and identify living organisms based on their characteristics and will use classification keys to sort and compare different species

Lesson 1) Classifying organisms

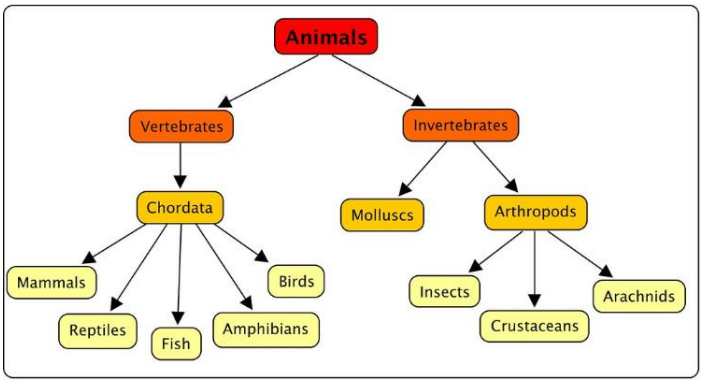
Lesson 2) Cells: Plant and Animal cells

Lesson 3) Taxonomy

Lesson 4) Vertebrates

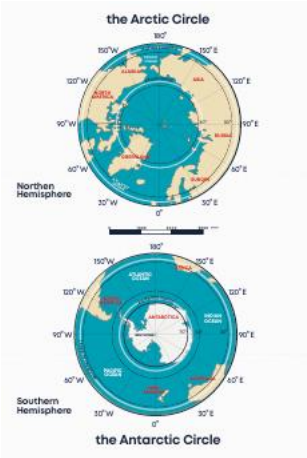
Lesson 5) Invertebrates

Lesson 6) Assessment



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Geography - Our Geography topic this term is **Spatial Sense**. Children will develop their understanding of maps, scale, direction and location. They will explore how places are represented and how geographical information can be interpreted and used.



Lesson 1) Latitude and Longitude

Lesson 2) The Arctic and Antarctic Circles

Lesson 3) Time Zones

Lesson 4) Maps Projection

Lesson 5) Maps of the World

Lesson 6) Assessment

Design and Technology (DT) - In DT, we will be exploring **Upcycling Fashion**. Children will investigate how unwanted materials and clothing can be transformed into new and useful products. They will design and create their own upcycled fashion items while considering sustainability and environmental responsibility.



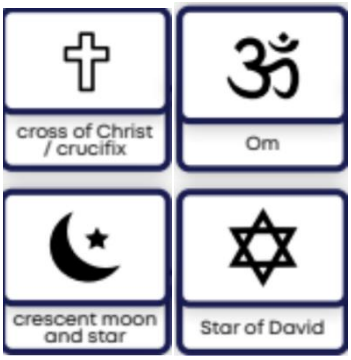
Lesson 1) Research and Investigate

Lesson 2) Design

Lesson 3&4) Make

Lesson 5) Use and Evaluate

Religious Education (RE) - This term, pupils will learn about **Religious Symbols**. They will explore the meaning and significance of symbols from different faiths and consider how symbols help people express their beliefs and identities.



Lesson 1) Importance of religious symbols

Lesson 2) Symbols in Judaism

Lesson 3) Symbols in Christianity

Lesson 4) Symbols in Islam

Lesson 5) Symbols in Hinduism

Lesson 6) Assessment

Computing - Our Computing learning will focus on **Databases** and **Online Safety**. Children will learn how information is organised, stored and searched within databases, while also developing the skills needed to stay safe, responsible and respectful online.

PSHE - This half term's unit is **The Online World: How am I influenced by what I see online?** Children will explore how online content can affect thoughts, feelings and behaviour, and learn strategies to help them think critically and make safe, informed choices online.

Daily Practice – Children will continue to complete activities from their CGP Maths Practice books each morning. These short tasks help to consolidate mathematical understanding and build fluency.

Alongside this, we will be practising times tables regularly in school. Rapid recall of multiplication and division facts is a vital foundation for many areas of mathematics, including fractions, percentages and problem-solving. We encourage children to practise their times tables at home as often as possible to help build confidence and mathematical fluency.

Spelling – New spellings will be given out every Tuesday, with a spelling test taking place the following Tuesday to assess and reinforce learning. Regular practice at home is strongly encouraged.

Reading – We will be using CGP Reading Comprehension resources to develop key reading skills, including retrieval, inference, vocabulary and explanation.

Reading remains one of the most important ways to support your child's learning. We encourage children to read regularly at home and ask that parents and carers spend time reading with their child whenever possible. Discussing books together helps to develop comprehension, vocabulary and confidence.

Homework – Homework will be set weekly using the CGP Maths 10-Minute Weekly Workout books.

- Homework will be set on Thursdays
- Homework should be returned by the following Thursday

Children also now have access to Times Tables Rockstars. We are encouraging all children to practice their timetables with this site often at home.

These activities provide excellent preparation for Year 6 pupils as they work towards SATs, while also helping Year 5 pupils build the strong foundations needed for next year.

We are looking forward to another productive and enjoyable half term and are excited to see the progress the children continue to make.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Roche and Mrs Satkauskiene.