

Giants



YEAR GROUP: 1

DATE: Spring Term 2

Giants!

Through a range of stories and poems, we will discover that all giants are not bad, as we may have thought before! We will analyse the characters in the stories to understand their actions and motivations. We will also relate this to ourselves and understand that we can make good choices and bad choices.

The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a mini topic based around Shakespeare and his play 'The Merchant of Venice' as a part of our partnership work with The Royal Shakespeare Company. The children will explore aspects of the play through drama and the same techniques used by the acting company at the theatre!

To Try
New Things

To Work
Hard

To
Concentrate

To Push
Ourselves

To Imagine

To Improve

To Understand
Others

To Not
Give Up

ART

We will learn about primary and secondary colours and how to mix them with paint. Also, we will design our own giants and create images of them using mixed media.

PE

PE will be taught through 'Real PE' by an outside provider. As gymnasts we will be creating a sequence of 3 or more movements and then performing and evaluating them.

ENRICHMENT

Shakespeare Week - includes the opportunity to work with a new approach to English through drama, as well as working with a dance specialist to create a dance expressing part of the story.

RE

In RE we will be reading and discussing Christian stories with Giants in them - David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale. Why are holy books special?

COMPUTING

As users of technology we will work with programmable toys and find images using the web.

GEOGRAPHY

The children will be learning about where they live beginning with Nottingham and then the UK - the countries and capital cities including locating them on a map and their national flags.

English

As writers and readers, we will be using different texts each week to stimulate our writing through Drama and discussion.

Wk 1 Jack and the Beanstalk

Wk 2 The Smartest Giant in Town

Wk 3 - Teddy Robber - Ian Beck

Wk 4- Instruction Writing

Wk 5 & 6 - Mini Topic: inc. Shakespeare Week

- The Merchant of Venice

Genre

Instructions, familiar stories and stories with a pattern.

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will investigate the biggest and the best science experiments!

For example, we will ask:

Who can make the paper aeroplane that flies the furthest?

Which surface makes the car travel fastest on a ramp?

Which class can make the biggest "explosion" with a fizzy drink?

Who can make the tallest tower?

The children will learn about testing fairly through these investigations and recording our results.

MATHS

Place value, problem solving, measure, times tables, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction.

MUSIC

We will use a variety of instruments to accompany songs and rhymes. We will learn about volume and pitch.

SEAL

We will be asking "why is it good to be me?", exploring our gifts and talents, using the story 'You are Special', what makes us proud and making choices through the story of "Would you rather?" by John Burningham.