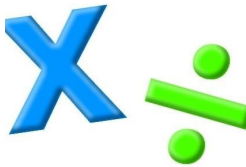




After a very positive half term, I look forwards to the children returning back to West Vale Academy. It is clear that behaviour has hugely improved throughout the new academic year, and the children who are consistently display good behaviour received their 'Good to be Green' treat on the Friday before half term. Each week the children are introduced to a 'Safeguarding Question of the Week' where the children have looked at what safeguarding is, who the designated safeguarding leaders are, and how we can be safe in school and online too.

Maths:

In Maths, the children will be answering fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions based on area, and multiplication and division.



Art/DT:

In Art, the children will create a sphinx made from clay, make an Egyptian collar and make papyrus to draw on, all linked to their History topic 'Ancient Egypt'.
In Design and Technology, the children will be making food from around the world.



Science:

The children are going to become Phenologist over the half term. The children will be learning about the four seasons, seasonal cycles in plants, animal migration and the life cycle of a plant and a frog.



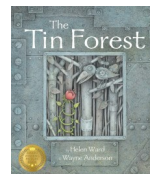
Geography/History:

In history, the children are going to be learning about 'Ancient Egypt'. The children will find the location of Egypt and the Rive Nile, what life was like in Ancient Egypt, religion and the afterlife, who Tutankhamen is as well as writing their name in hieroglyphics.
In Geography, the children will learn about settlements, the types of settlements and the differences between a urban, rural and suburban area.



English:

Over the half term, the children will be reading 'The Tin Forest'. The children will produce writing linked to the story including creative writing, setting descriptions, letter writing and diary entries.



Computing:

Computing will be taught in a full day block at the end of the term. The children will use the programme Scratch to make animation that tells a story.



PE:

The children will be taking part in outdoor and indoor PE lessons. For their indoor PE lessons, the children will be practise different multi skills, which can be applied to all sports. The children outside will learn how to play badminton.



PSHE & RE:

In PSHE, the children will learning how to be the best they can be, as well as being healthy.
In RE, the children will answer the key question 'Why are some journeys and places special?'



Music:

The children will be introduced to Viking Styled Music, where the children will learn about the Vikings, sing like a Viking and perform a Viking battle song too.



Class messages:

We look forwards to seeing you at Parents Evening to celebrate your child's progress, on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 4th November 3:20-6pm. Appointments can be made through Arbor.

Important dates to remember:

- Tuesday 1st November - return back to school.
- Tuesday 1st November - Monday 14th November - Poppy Appeal
- Tuesday 1st November - School Nursing Team in School to complete Nasal Flu Spray Vaccination.
- Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November - parents evening 3:20pm to 6pm.
- Friday 4th November - Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate into school.
- Friday 11th November and Friday 2nd November - Forest School.
- Friday 16th December - Break up for Christmas.