



Great Ane Primary School

Our topic for the Spring Term is – Conflict and Conquer

Initially we will be using a Talk for Writing text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat' then moving on to the novel 'Varjak Paw' by S.F.Said. Later in the term, we will move onto the Romans using 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balin. We will also be using a selection of other fiction and non-fiction books to develop our learning.

English

As writers we will be developing our writing and continuing to practice and become confident with taught grammar, punctuation and spellings.

We will be writing in role, responding to illustrations, using drama and role play. We will be writing persuasive text, explanation, diaries, letters and newspaper reports. We will also explore some poetry.

As readers we will be discussing to check understanding, drawing inferences and making predictions.

Computing

In computing we will be programming – children will be coding - using algorithms, collision detection, timers and debugging. Then later in the term we will use 2Email a safe place to teach children how to use email.

Foundation Subjects

- As geographers we will understand key aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes.
- As historians we will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

- As musicians we will listening and composing – exploring pentatonic scales and composing around Varjak Paw / Suspense. We will be singing and performing. We are also continuing to learn the recorder.

In PE we will be using symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics and we will be practising and performing dances linked to our topics using a range of movement patterns.

- In RE we will learning about what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today.
- In PSHE our themes will be Keeping Safe and Rights & Respect.
- As design technologists we will be investigating some of the technologies used by the Romans.
- As artists we will be exploring a range of techniques and producing artwork linked to our topics.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be using arrays, consolidating times tables and division facts we know and learning new ones. We will also be using informal and formal written methods of multiplication and division.

We will also be learning to measure perimeter and area.

Science

As scientists we will be learning about animals including humans – including nutrition, skeletons and muscles. We will also be learning about sound – how sound is made, pitch and volume.

What can I do to help my child?

1. Read each night with your child to support their developing fluency and comprehension.
2. Use the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) sheet sent home each half term to support quick and confident recall which will support your child in their math's lessons.
3. Support your child during home learning tasks to become independent learners.