English Stories from other cultures

This half term, we will begin by exploring the story of *The Magic Paintbrush*. We will look closely at the events and characters in the story, thinking about their actions, the dialogue between them, and how powerful language can bring a magical tale to life. We will then write our own stories inspired by *The Magic Paintbrush* – but we're not revealing our twists just yet! Alongside our storytelling, we will create our imaginative illustrations, just like those that might have come from the magic paintbrush itself. These will be displayed together to celebrate our creativity.

Geography China

We will look in detail at the geography of China. We will investigate the continents and look at the differing landscapes found within China. We will look at food, language, school, customs and traditions of China before finishing our topic by making our own BBC Newsround reports about everything we have learned.

Maths

Time and Shape

We will begin the term by understanding time. We will learn to tell the time to five minute intervals . We will then move on to investigate 2D and 3D shapes. The children will look at the shapes properties and finally look at reflective symmetry in shapes. Children will continue to work on their basic skills and fluency in Maths throughout the term.

R.E. Christian Rights of Passage

We will be exploring significant events in Christian lives. Children will find out about Christenings, Communions, Weddings and funerals. Children will also discuss significant events in their own lives.



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Computing:

An introduction to guizzes

Children will be using Scratch Jnr to create their own programme. They will design and create a programme and evaluate it with their peers.

Science How do we grow?

We will learn how to notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and finally they learn how to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Art Textiles

We are looking at the work of Chinese ceramic artist Li Xiaofeng. We will emulate his designs on fabric using dyes, fabric pens and crayons before decorating our panels with embellishments like ribbon and buttons.

<u>Music</u>

We will be learning about traditional Chinese musical instruments. We will listen to Chinese music and perform traditional dances.

<u>PE</u> Net and Wall

PE is on Tuesday. We will be focusing on bat and ball skills.