

Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding

. We will start by taking an imaginary trip to Hollywood using maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate California and its main cities. We will learn about the varied physical features of California and will also be exploring the people, language, population, religions, sports, life and industry. We will then move on to explore the locations of children's films around the world starting with the film, 'Brave', which was inspired by The Highlands of Scotland. Our Historical focus will be inventions and discoveries in the Victorian Era, and will include: Photographic cameras, the light bulb and electric telegraph.

Scientific and Technological Understanding

Light

Investigate light travelling from a source
How are shadows formed?
How do we see things?
Dangers of light from the sun

Forces and magnets

Compare how objects move on different surfaces
Observe how magnets attract/ repel each other/
different materials
Properties of magnets

Scientific predications of magnetic materials

English

Fiction:

Our writing will be related to our two key texts: The King who banned the Dark and Hortense and the Shadow
Letter writing to persuade The King that the Dark is not scary and is actually a good thing and should not be banned.
Planning a traditional Tale (story unit related to key texts),
Drama and freeze frames, creating cartoon strips, designing our own film/ storyboard.

Reading Play scripts

Poetry, writing our own poems, performing poetry.

Non-Fiction:

Research about California presented in tourist Information leaflets.

Hollywood Newspapers - linked to film premiere, persuasive writing, advertisements
Dictionaries/ glossaries - film terminology

Report writing - movie trailers, film reviews

Discussion about rumors, themes of power, revolution, manipulation and acceptance

Spellings: taught and assessed weekly and learnt for homework.

SPaG: present tense, present perfect, past tense, fronted adverbials, sentence structure, direct speech,

Mathematical Understanding:

Number- Multiplication & division

Number- fractions

Length and perimeter

Mass, Capacity

Decimals

Statistics - Interpret and present data

(Comparing weather in California and England)



Kingfishers Topic- Spring 2023

RHE

Health and well being

Personal strengths and achievements

Managing and reframing set-backs

Recognising individuality

D.T

The children will be designing and making their own shadow puppet theatres linked to science, English and ICT, and will write and perform shadow puppet shows.

RE

Theme 1: The 8-fold path

Religion: Buddhism

Key Question: Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?

Learning about the teaching of The Buddha and exploring what he taught about change

Theme 2: Salvation

Key Question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday?'

ICT

Creating Media

Stop-Frame animation

Desk top publishing