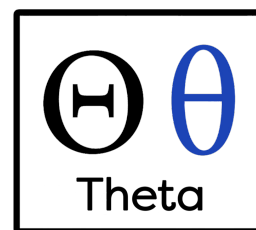


What's on this term...

Theta Class

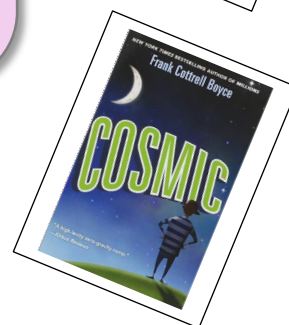


Writing:

In writing this term we will be writing story openings and developing our use of description to develop characterisation and settings. We will be basing our learning on the text 'A Wizard of Earthsea' by Ursula K Le Guin which is a fantasy novel set in fictional world with magic wizards and dragons.

Reading:

In reading this term we are using 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce as our class text. We will enjoy reading the text and exploring it through comprehension questions. We will also explore reading skills such as inference and skimming and scanning for information.



Maths:

In Maths this term we will be using White Rose to support students to develop their understanding of straight-line graphs, to form and solve equations and explore multiples, factors and prime numbers as well as Venn diagrams.

Project Based Learning:

We are exploring the similarities and differences between the UK and America. Our geography based studies will look at both human and physical similarities and differences as well as weather patterns and exploring both economic and cultural differences.

Science:

Linked with our PBL topic we will be learning about plant and animal classification, using classification keys to identify different species and we will link this in to our Project based learning topic by studying plants and animals in the UK and in America.

Enrichment:

Our year 9 students will be working towards AQA unit awards in areas that they are interested in. They have expressed an interest in working towards awards in topics such as sports coaching, goal keeping, first aid, Music, languages & computer game programming.

Computing: this year we will be working towards AQA unit awards, beginning with Word Processing. Students will learn key features to support their use of Microsoft Word.

Forest School: In weekly Friday sessions, children will continue to develop their own abilities to cook, play & explore safely around the site. Each week there will be food included, as well as chances to develop their teamwork, risk assessment and safety skills. There will be some sessions when Forest School will be offsite, such as a Scavenger Hunt or exploring other outdoor locations. We'll ensure parents are aware of when this will happen and if extra clothing may be required. Do please ensure that children are sent in with coats and suitable footwear on Fridays as Forest School will happen in (almost) all weathers!

Food Tech & Nutrition:

We'll begin with basic skills, exploring different ways of making bread and different types of bread, such as dinner rolls, sourdough bread, garlic bread & different flatbreads. We'll experiment with fillings & dips to accompany the fresh baked goodies!

RE:

In RE we are thinking about Christianity and how the creation story is important. We will ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the Creation story for Christians and for non-Christians living today.

PSHE: In PSHE this term we are learning to be more self-aware. We will identify our own strengths and those of others, look at how we can manage negative comments, different ways in which we learn and how we can work towards our goals.

PE – Cycling: we will learn the basics of road safety, ensuring the roadworthiness of our bikes and basic puncture repair skills, building towards a class bike ride & picnic when we are all ready. The children are at different levels with their confidence so will need different levels of support as we work towards a whole class expedition.