

Topic: Marvellous Magic

English (reading)

Our whole class reading book is *The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson. We will be exploring this exciting, magic-filled story using our reading VIPERS.

Ways to help at home:

Encouraging and listening to your child read each day.

English (writing)

Our exemplar text is *Elf Road* and children are using this as a basis to write their own magical portal story. Focusing on descriptive writing, we will look at grammar and language features such as: adverbials of time, place and manner, and also, some figurative language.

Ways to help at home:

Do 'Talk Homework' tasks and practise

Maths

We will be reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers (up to 1 million), partitioning, developing our knowledge of place value and learning about numbers in context. We will also be rounding, learning about negative numbers and looking at multiples and factors.

Ways to help at home:

Revise and practise at home - including questions about measures (weight, length, money etc.).

PE

Children will be playing team-based invasion games such as football and netball, honing abilities such as passing, defending, attacking, marking, teamwork and communication skills.



PHSE

We will be discussing how to lead a balanced lifestyle, and the importance of mental as well as physical well-being. We will explore the ideas of action, consequence and self-respect

French

All About Ourselves:

Children will learn to name some parts of the body and use them in simple descriptions. Also, they will use a small number of verbs in simple dialogue.

RE:

We are: exploring how to use our God-given qualities to help others; learning about the sacrament of marriage and exploring the concepts of commitment and fidelity.

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Science—We are investigating the properties of materials, thinking about which would be best to create a magical, fizzing potion! The children will be finding out more about solids, liquids and gases and will be testing a range of different materials. Along the way, they will discover that some changes are reversible or irreversible.

DT—We will attempt to make our own enchanted portal doors.

Geography—We are learning about the major cities within the UK and surrounding seas.

Art—We will be painting and using collage to portray magical realms beyond our portals.

Nature Area—We will be using the nature area to inspire our writing and develop outdoors skills so remember to bring in old clothes.

History—We will be laying the foundations for our Britain at War topic next half-term by learning about the contributions of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, our Year 5 saint.

Computing:

We are building upon our Scratch coding skills and developing an interactive game based on a maze. At home: Discuss e-safety.

Music

We will be learning how to play the recorder, from different notes to simple melodies.