Cherry Blossom Class

English

This half term we are focussing on a variety of exciting English activities to develop the children's writing and language skills.



We are exploring the story of the Firebird using a story map to help retell the tale with exciting descriptive language. We will continue to develop our sentence structure by learning to write complex sentences to add detail and interest to our writing. We are practising using commas in a list-for example, writing the different fruits we might use in a smoothie. Linked to our upcoming school trip to the Sainsbury's Centre for Visual Arts, the children will be writing reports. In science, we will be writing fact files about animals in local habitats, combining our English and Science learning. We're working on joining our handwriting for fluent and legible writing. Spelling and Grammar includes learning about homophones (words that sound the same but have different meanings) how to use apostrophes correctly and spelling rules such as words ending in –tion.

Maths

This half term in Maths we are learning all about fractions.

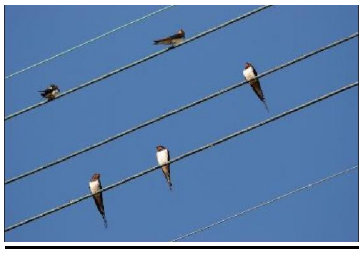
We will be exploring:

- The difference between equal and unequal parts
- Finding and recognising fractions of shapes, such as halves, quarters and three-quarters.
- Find fractions of numbers for example half of 12 or a quarter of 20.

We'll be using lots of practical activities and visual resources to help the children build a strong understanding of fractions in both shapes and number.

Geography

In Geography we are learning about Weather around the World. Will explore different types of weather and how they vary around the world. Understand the concept of climate and how it effects the environment and daily life. We will compare local weather with that of other countries. We will use maps, videos and real-life examples to help us understand global weather patterns. We will also discover why swallows migrate and the amazing journey they take across the globe. We will see how far bananas travel to reach our supermarket helping us understand food miles.



Music

In Music we are learning about pitch-understanding how sounds can be low or high. The children will be exploring pitch through singing, including learning the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well', which helps them practise moving between pitches. We will also be using instruments and games to help develop listening and singing skills.

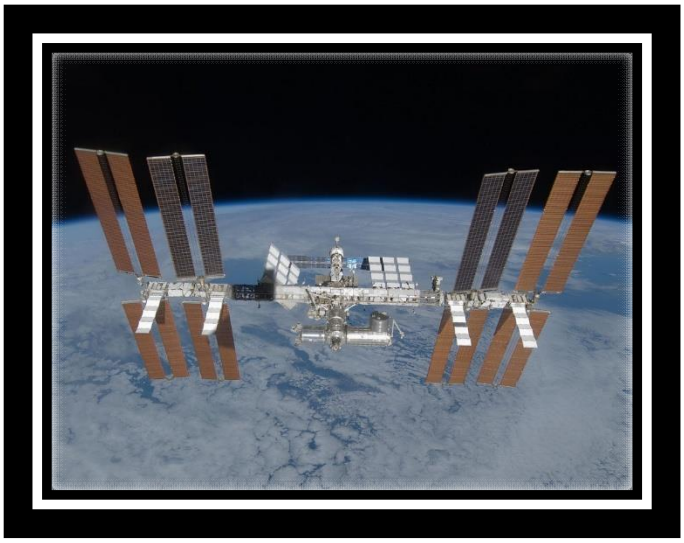
Science

In science we are learning about Habitats and the different places where animals live. We will be exploring what a habitat is and why different animals need different environments to survive. Use our beautiful school grounds we will be looking closely at the school pond and our garden finding out what creatures live there. We will then learn about how animals and plants depend on one another for food and survival. We will be doing lots of observing, recording and discussing to help build a deeper knowledge of the natural world around us.

Computing

In Computing we are learning about how technology is used in space.

We will discover how sensors are used on the international space stations to monitor things like temperature and air quality. Next we will learn how to collect and interpret data using spreadsheets to record and explore temperature data.



PE

In PE we will be focussing on team games where we will continue to develop cooperation, communication and teamwork. Ball skills including throwing and catching. Finally we will be getting ready for our exciting sports day by learning and practising the different race activities.

We're very excited to welcome author and illustrator James Mayhew to our school this half term. James is well known for his beautifully illustrated books and storytelling. During his visit children will have the opportunity to watch him drawing to music. We are all very excited and this promises to be a memorable and inspiring experience for us all. Our own special family learning day will be an exciting one and one that will prepare the children for this special visit.

On Saturday 21st June we have a family learning day at Aylsham High School. This event is free and all the activities are free! It really is worth coming along to. Watch out for the flyers for more information