

## NARRATIVE

Life processes and living things are at the heart of this topic. Children study the wonders of the human body; with a focus on the heart and circulatory system. This includes a live heart dissection from a visiting doctor! They are given the opportunity to create a Baffling Bodies project in which they research fascinating facts on the human body. The children also study relationships and sex education. The children also learn about the importance of looking after their own bodies as they recognise the importance of diet, exercise and a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

## RE

- Learn about the religious symbols of Buddhism.
- Compare Buddhism with Christianity
- Study the 8 fold path and the life of Buddha.
- Study the teachings of Buddha.

## ART/MUSIC

- Study the sculptures of Alberto Giacometti.
- Create their very own sculptures using Modroc.
- Study the work of Georgia O'Keeffe before recreating to their own flowers in three different mediums- sketch, water colour painting and silk painting.

# It's a Wonderful Life

## ENGLISH

At the beginning of the spring term our writing is based around the 'The Hobbit' by JR Tolkien. The children create the following pieces of work:

- Diary entry of the destruction of Dale and Erebor.
- Death of the Great Goblin newspaper report.
- Gollum riddle writing
- Missing chapter write- escape from the dungeons of the Elvenking.
- Smaug's lair setting description
- Editing troll speech into standard English
- A Hobbit fact file

The children then look at 'The Highwayman' poem by Alfred Noyes. They complete the following tasks:

- Language annotation and hot seating.
- Poem 'Freeze frames' and performance.
- Retelling 'The Highwayman' poem as a narrative from one of the main character's perspectives.
- Focused editing.

## COMPUTING

- 'All About Me' presentation- using Powerpoint, Prezi, Poplet and Story Creator.
- Internet research for Baffling Bodies Project.



## TOPIC RELATED MATHS

- Weighing Smaug's gold.
- Measuring the volume of Gandalf's potions.
- Measuring the height and features (foot, hand, leg length) of the characters from The Hobbit.
- Data analysis and graph construction using results obtained from the heart rate investigation.

## SCIENCE

- Signs of life and living processes
- Classification of animals and plants
- Life cycles of animals and humans, as well as the changes as humans develop to old age.
- Identify the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.
- Reproduction- sex education and relationships

## HISTORY

- Early Islamic civilisation - Baghdad 700AD to 1258AD.
- Who, Where and Why? The construction of Baghdad - The Round City.
- The growth of Baghdad and 'The House of Wisdom'.
- The destruction of Baghdad in 1258.

## DAYS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Heart Dissection
- Physiotherapist talk and demonstration
- Natural History Museum Trip
- Wintershall trip- stations of the cross