What We’re Up To! Lifelong Learning 2019-2020

Mystery - Term Two

Here’s a snapshot of what we’re doing this term, which we hope will support conversations at home. Don’t worry if the subject seems a bit tricky; whatever it is, all sessions will have multi-sensory elements and our specialist staff adapt sessions to meet individual needs.

06 Jan
Mysterious Places…
The UK

We’ll be exploring lots of mysterious, wild and wonderful places around the UK and coming up with theories about how Stonehenge was built, if Arthur really pulled a sword from a stone, and how two angry giants managed to create a causeway by throwing rocks at each other!

13 Jan
Mysterious News

If the questions is ‘What happened on this week in history’, then the answer is ‘heaps’! A week of looking back into time to some news of the past including the release of The Beatles’ ‘Yellow Submarine’, the premiere of Swan Lake, and ‘Hello Dolly’ first appearing on Broadway - expect much music, dancing, feathers and boater hats!

20 Jan
The Mysteries of...
Everyday Life

This week we’ll be thinking about the challenges of everyday life and testing out our skills with money, time, road safety and healthy eating. Get ready for some supermarket sweep style games as we explore spending and saving, eyes down for some ‘time’ bingo and get ready for some vitamin C filled superfood smoothies!

27 Jan
How Things Work...
The Mysteries of Communication

Did you know, around 60% of our communication is through body language? We’ll be learning different types of communication and thinking about how we can use these to build connections and trust. We’ll also be exploring how music and dance are fabulous tools for telling stories, and taking inspiration from some classic songs to come up with our own Purple Patch musical!

03 & 10 Feb
Mysterious People…
Fictional Characters

A fabulous two-week extravaganza exploring some characters from mysterious stories and films! Can you talk to the animals like Dr Dolittle, or carry passengers in the shell of a giant pink sea snail? Can you become a detective like Sherlock Holmes with your deerstalker and magnifying glass? Or are you a wizarding master like Harry Potter, casting spells and eating Cauldron cakes, Fizzling Whizzbees or Peppermint toads? We’re very excited to find out!
Unsolved Mysteries…
Mysterious sightings

02 Mar
Mysterious Places…
The Tropical Rainforest

What is a rainforest, what animals live there and how do you think it would feel to be in the middle of one? Time for exploring the sights and sounds of the rainforest (expect lots of water!!) as well as thinking about how and why we should protect them. It’s also Fairtrade fortnight so we’ll be looking at what that means, where our food comes from and bartering with each other for a fair price…. ‘Come and get your lovely bananas, 8 for a pound!’

09 Mar
How Things Work…
The Mysteries of Physics

Time to grab our clipboards again, put on our science coats and goggles and delve into the world of Physics… oooooh! There’ll be experiments galore as we play with light, gravity and energy, find out how the world around us works and explain the Theory of Relativity (ok, maybe we’ll leave that bit to Einstein but the rest of it will be lots of fun!)

16 & 23 Mar
Mysterious People…
Heroes and Villains

Would you prefer to be a hero or a villain? Would you want to save the world in a fabulous mask and cape or destroy it with a super sneaky gadget and an evil laugh? The choice is yours as we have two fabulous weeks to become awesome, justice seeking, comic book heroes and mysterious and devious bad guys. We’ll also be finding our sea legs to explore the villains of the sea, those ruthless, treasure hunting, rum swigging, pirates!

30 Mar
The Mysteries of…
Animal Habitats

Which animals live up high, down low and by the riverside, and why? Squirrels use their habitat as a natural obstacle course to help them get food..... do we have the skills to jump from tree to tree and walk along a washing line to gather nuts? We’ll find out this week! We’ll also be foraging for worms like a badger, exploring the life stages of a frog and playing a game of ‘detective otter’ to match up different smells! Phew...what a week, it’s a good job it’s the Easter break next!

Easter Holidays w/c 06 April, 13 April 2020

Lifelong Learning Programmes start again w/c 20 April 2020