

Science and Topic

We will be learning all about day and night and how the rotation of the earth causes changes to happen. We will study the sun, moon and the earth. We will also look briefly at the phases of the moon. Another aspect of this topic is looking at nocturnal animals found in the UK. This will be something we look at in lots of detail and will carry through to our research work in ICT. We will be thinking about their appearance, diet, habitat and any other interesting/specific features appropriate to the different animals. We will also touch briefly on jobs carried out overnight while the rest of us are asleep. In science we will learn all about healthy food, things needed to keep animals alive and animal life cycles.

Night and Day



PSHCE

We will be talking about the sorts of things that happen at night time and how we feel about the dark. We will be asking the children to justify their thoughts and feelings and try to offer suggestions and help for those children who don't like the dark.

Music

We will use the instruments in school to recreate night time sounds and the sounds of some nocturnal animals. These will be performed as a class composition along with our work using the Charanga music programme.

ICT

We will be using our ICT sessions to carry out research linked with our topic. We will use websites provided by the teachers to research day and night, nocturnal animals and jobs people do at night time. We will also learn how to create a branching database linked to healthy food as part of our science and DT work and continue our work on coding. Finally we will be using graphic and drawing programmes to create digital art work based on "Starry Night" by Vincent van Gogh.



Art and DT

We will be using layering techniques and pastels to create our own night time pictures, inspired by Van Gogh's "Starry Night". As part of this topic, the children will learn all about foreground and background. We will look at colour mixing and use water colours to create pictures of our favourite night time animals, using different techniques and brush strokes to create fur and feathers. DT has a science link this half term and we will design and make a healthy packed lunch for a night time worker.



RE

We will be looking at and comparing creation stories including those of the Christian, Islamic, Hindu, religions and the Aborigines and Chinese creation stories. We will also be looking at the celebration of Easter and why it is important to Christians.

Spanish

In Spanish we will continue to learn different items of clothing and begin to learn how to say what colour they are. We will look at body parts and find out about how they celebrate Easter in Spain.