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‘That’s All Folks!’

Theme Overview

“That’s All Folks!” is a thematic unit based around the history and development of animation and cartoons. It teaches the beginnings of animation, looking at zoetropes and flip books, before moving on to the dawn of the Disney age. Then, the process of animation is explored further, with an opportunity for pupils to exchange their own design ideas and create their own animated films.

Maths

In Maths we will start by learning about place value and the value different numbers have. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, learning new and different strategies to successfully add and subtract numbers. We will also be carrying on our weekly arithmetic tests and Hot Shots!

English

Our English will start we will be reading the Magic Faraway Tree – The Enchanted Wood. This links to our English theme of imaginative worlds. We will travel with the children as they visit all the lands that arrive at the top of the tree. We will be using noun phrases, fronted adverbials and detailed descriptions in our extended pieces of writing.

Art

We will be studying Jack Kirby and his comic artwork. We be designing and creating our own Captain... We will be doing this using paint, trying out different types of paint, techniques and brush strokes.

PE

In PE on a Monday we will be playing Basketball with a focus on hand-eye co-ordination, fitness and team skills. On a Thursday, Year 4 will have forest school and Year 3 will be doing OAA using the new OAA course we had installed over the summer break. We will be learning simple orienteering and map skills.

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PSHE

In PSHE this term our topic ‘Me in my world’ We will be thinking about all the different places that we are part of, such as our families, friends, school and clubs and how it makes us feel to be part of a group where we are accepted for being us.

French

We will be introducing the children to French in Year 3, they will learn basics greetings, how to introduce themselves as well as vocabulary around colours, animals and places..

History/Computing

The children will be learning about the history of animation and learning about famous animated characters before going on to create their own flip books, zoetropes and stop motion animations.

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