



Year 3/4 Spring 1 2017-2018 - Crime and Punishment

English

Key Text - Tuesday by David Wiesner
The children will be working on their reading and writing skills using different genres. They will be applying taught grammar skills within their writing whilst exploring:

- Newspaper reports
- Letter writing
- Drama
- Non-chronological reports
- Poetry

Science

We will be completing investigations where the children will be using scientific enquiry. They will work in groups and learn of the importance of fair testing, whilst carrying out their own investigations. Our science topic also links into our learning journey of crime and punishment, where the children will be looking at forensic science.

History/Geography/Art/Design

Our topic this term is 'Crime and Punishment'. We will be beginning our topic with a crime scene investigation, where a fingerprint analyst will visit to teach the children about their profession. They will then attempt to apply what they have learnt to solve the crime.

For the rest of the topic we will be delving into the history of crime and punishment, from Roman, Tudor and Victorian times. We will be famous characters from the past involved in crime and punishment such as Robin Hood. In our Grand Finale we will be holding our own court room based on a fairy tale crime. We will form a jury with a judge to conduct our trial.

Maths

Multiplication and division
We will learn the written method for multiplication and division, alongside solving problems through this. The written methods we will be using is the grid and column method.

Fractions and decimals
We will learn about adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, comparing and ordering fractions, matching fractions to decimals as well as counting in tenths and hundredths.

PE

PE Sessions will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure kit is in school and any earrings are taken out at the start of the day.

ICT

Our topic is 'We are communicators' where we will be looking at communicating safely on the internet.

PSHE and RE

PSHE is dreams and goals.
RE we are looking at the key questions 'Could Jesus heal people?' 'Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?'

How you can help your child at home...

Reading: Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record this in their Reading Record book. This can be a story, newspaper, magazine etc.
Writing: Practise your child's writing skills by looking at their weekly spellings, punctuation and vocabulary such as adjectives and adverbs.
Maths: To practise their times tables regularly along with the written method for addition and subtraction.