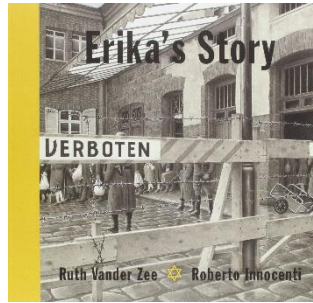


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UNIT 4 – PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning experience

Please find the details of our intended learning experience for the next weeks: 'Erika's Story'.



A short distance from Paignton Harbour is a small memorial garden. This garden commemorates all the lives lost during the events of the Holocaust. Nine months prior to the outbreak of World War Two, 10,000 children were brought to Great Britain to escape the persecution of the Nazis. This particular event is referred to as the 'Kindertransport' and it will be our focus for this half-term. As a hook, we are fortunate enough to be joined by one of the children saved during this event, she will share with us her experiences and also plant an olive tree in school with a memorial plaque.

Maths

During this half term, in ability-based sets, the children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of place value and effective calculation strategies involving all the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will be expected to use their prior understanding of mathematical concepts to assist them in solving a range of mathematical problems. The children will be challenged to become more fluent with their skills, which include multiplication tables and related number facts. There will be a particular focus on ensuring the children reason with their responses (asking themselves if the answer given is appropriate).

Literacy

Through the five week learning experience, the children will be expected to write a non-chronological report on the Kindertransport! They will explore, in detail, the grammatical features of non-chronological reports to ensure they produce a high quality outcome. The children will continue to be encouraged to read a range of quality texts as these experiences broaden their vocabulary and develop their awareness of more complex punctuation and sentence structures.

Home Learning

During this learning experience, we would like the children to think about what is important to them. The homework this half term will ask the children to think what is precious to them and create a shoebox display of those precious things. Weekly spelling and maths tasks to be completed in their home learning books and on My Maths/Sumdog. For reading homework this year, we are trialing a new online software called 'Read Theory' each child in Unit 4 has a login and is asked to complete a task every two week cycle.

Science

This term will see the children exploring Earth and Space. Children will explore how the Earth and Moon move within our Solar System in relation to each other and the Sun. Children will look in depth at how the Sun appears to move in the sky and its effects on our planet. Finally, children will explore how seasons, days and years are influenced by the way in which our planet moves in relation to other objects in our Solar System.

PE / Art / Spanish / RE

In PE, this half term, children will be taking part in gymnastics. Kestrels (Wednesday), Eagles (Friday) and Hawks (Thursday).

In Spanish, this half term, the children will be continue to explore basic conversations and identify objects in their bag.

In RE this half-term, children will be exploring Judaism and the signs and symbols of the faith.

Our School Value Focus: Independence

Throughout all our work this half-term, children will use and apply the value of Independence.

Our British Value Focus: Tolerance

Throughout all our work this half-term, children will use and apply the value of Tolerance.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th January - Visit to the Memorial Garden

Saturday 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day