Eden Primary Medium Term Planning

Nitzanim (Year 4) 2024-2024

Theme for the year: Our World / Peoplehood / Global Responsibility

Autumn 1: Africa

Culminating Project: Art work and writing about Africa.

OVERVIEW: Our theme for this half term is the world

We begin our half term by reading The Butterfly Lion and shall continue to study the text throughout the half term. We will be **writing** factual reports about the world and the continents. Our work in **Science** will focus on **sound**, and we will also explore the importance of music and sound in festivals and what it communicates (for example, how a shofar is used on Rosh Hashana). During music lessons we will listen to music linked to different festivals and compose some of our own. We will also start exploring the concept of musical notation by coming up with some of our own ways to represent music on paper.

In Jewish Studies, we will look at the Hebrew calendar, particularly the connections between Rosh Chodesh and the phases of the moon. We will start with a focus on Rosh Hashana (New Year) and how this fits with the idea of a new beginning, thinking about resolutions for the year and reflecting on the year that has just been. We shall look at the differences between laws and customs during the chagim. In the lead up to Yom Kippur we will look at the story of Jonah and how it demonstrates a personal journey of change, while also learning about tashlich. We will consider the idea of 'doing better' in a global context and think how we can do more to help those around the world who are suffering, including refugees. Over Sukkot we will be focusing on the idea of shelter and what 'dwelling in the sukkah' can teach us about welcoming people into our community. In our creative learning the children will build sukkot using a variety of materials whilst also incorporating the idea of hospitality during our outdoor learning. Finally, we will learn the significance of the arba minim (four species) and how to shake them, and explore sukkahs (sukkot!) around the world.

In October we will also celebrate Black History Month by looking at the Poem, "I am an African Child" by Eku McGred.

Subject	Content	Skills and Knowledge	Vocabulary
English	The Butterfly Lion	Writing narratives based on the text, with an emphasis on using more complex sentences (see below for grammar objectives/sentence and word work).	Chronological sentence starters adjectives adverbs conjunctions sentence building
	Compose poems inspired by I am an African Child	Innovate draft and write by composing and rehearsing sentences orally. Write a poem using similes, metaphors and personification. Use the appropriate punctuation.	Rhythm Structure Syllables Tone Volume Composing Metaphors Personification
	Non-fiction writing	Research, plan, draft and edit chronological reports on religions and fesitvals. Use headings and subheadings, paragraphs, captions and bullet points, formal language, facts and statistics. Plan writing by discussing and recording ideas. Use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme.	Chronological headings subheadings bullet points facts paragraphs

Computing	Online Safety Hardware Investigators	Identify possible risks online. Understand what a digital footprint is and what we would not want to be in our digital footprint. To understand the different parts that make up a desktop computer. To recall the different parts that make up a computer.	Ad fly, attachment, citation, collaborate, cookies, copyright, digital footprint, malware, phishing, plagiarism, spam, virus, watermark Hardware components, CPU, graphic card, hard drive, input, mother board, network, output, peripherals, RAM, software
Jewish Studies	Rosh Hashanah	Concept of new year Shofar sounds. Brachot Rosh Hashanah blessings Concept of communal prayer	Shofar Mitzvah/ mitzvot Customs Ashkenazi Sephardi
	Yom Kippur	Story of Jonah – how actions affect those around us Avinu Malkeinu prayer Avinu malkeinu Ritual of Yom Kippur: Fasting, tefillah/prayer, repentance Yom Kippur rituals reform Concept of fasting (revise) 10 Days of Repentance Concept of reflection and Teshuva Teshuva (Repentance) Orthodox Shofar blowing	Reflection Jonah Teshuvah Tashlich Judgement

	Sukkot	 Historic and contemporary issues of a harvest festival (experience harvest festival in local church) The mitzvah of living in the Sukkah Living in a Sukkah Mitzvah of beautifying the sukkah Arba Minim (Four Species) Lulav and Etrog Lulav and Etrog Orthodox Ushpizin and Ushpizot (Guests) Blessing - LeShev ba Sukkah Sukkah blessing Shaking the lulav and etrog and bracha Sukkah blessings 	Sukkah Arba Minim – Lulav, Etrog, Hadas, Aravah Ushpizin
	Simchat Torah / Shemini Atzeret	Shemini Atzeret: The eighth day of Sukkot Prayers for rain and good harvest Simchat Torah: The cycles of Torah reading Torah/Chumash is composed of just the five books – Torah stories Torah overview explained Understand that the Tanakh is composed of Torah/Chumash, Neviim/Prophets and Ketuvim/Writings Tanakh overview	Torah Scroll Cycle
Science	Sound	 Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Investigate the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Measure sound. Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. 	Vibrations, medium, pitch, volume, strength, distance, source, decibels, increase, decrease, dampen

Music	Appreciation	Listening to how the Shofar is used during the Chagim Music Appreciation of music from different continents	Rhythm, melody, pace
PSHE / Values	Eden Value	Excellence – Weekly Torah Study Engage in clear and reasoned discussion Learning Torah Portion stories Understanding structure of verses and Hebrew.	
	Physical	 Helping others to keep safe Understand the need to manage risks anywhere, know when it is appropriate to seek emergency help, be aware of basic actions to take in emergency situations e.g. know how to ask for emergency help, know how to undertake basic First Aid. 	Safe healthy hazard emergency habit risk danger
Geography	Place knowledge Maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping	Finding the continents on the world map Studying individual continent. Locating the plains of Africa, where the Butterfly lion is set, and comparing climate and physical features to those of the UK.	Countries, continents, borders, mountain/ range, river. Lake, sea, ocean hemisphere, desert, plains, waterfall, climate zone

Art	Sound	Explore relief printing to explain sound.	Printing, relief
Design & Technology	Designing a shelter	In Coldfall Woods, investigate properties of materials and select those most suitable for construction outdoors. Use different materials to produce a temporary freestanding structure (link to Sukkot). Designing and building a sukkah - Construction with paper/paper straws/lolly sticks.	Construction stability shelter freestanding

Learning not linked to Topic:

Maths

	2. Addition	lesson Transitions as well as	
	and subtraction	multiples of 10, 100 and 50)	
		add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written	
		methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate	Addition, subtraction, add, plus, minus, subtract, commutative, inverse, difference,
		estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation	known fact, part whole, partition, sum, regroup, column method, strategy,
		solve addition and subtraction two-step problem	
PE	Swimming with specialist teachers.	Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.	

On-going learning	
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Spellings	Homophones / Near Homophones Prefix "in" meaning not Prefixes im, il and ir Prefix sub meaning under or divided Prefix inter	Regular practice using Spelling Shed Scheme
Sentence and word level work	Developing sentence structure and length, vocabulary, adverbs, paragraphs, punctuation. (Taught through English lessons).	Use full stops and capital letters correctly in a sentence. Use apostrophes correctly. Group ideas to form paragraphs. Use a variety of conjunctions (connectives) and know how they change the meaning of sentences. Use appropriate and interesting adjectives when describing.
Handwriting	Handwriting practice (2 x week)	Checking correct formation of letters, pencil grip, posture. Diagonal and horizontal joins. Transferring skills shown in handwriting to all writing in books.

Reading	Daily Whole Class Reading with Writing tasks focusing on The Butterfly Lion	Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's imagination Understanding and checking text to explain the meaning of words in context. Drawing inferences such as characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from actions.
Mental Maths	Weekly practice of times tables through games, to include multiplication and division facts. Weekly times table / division test. Review in lessons applying multiples knowledge to other maths.	Consolidate 2,5,10 times tables and square numbers (all). Revise 3, 4, 8 times tables. Learn 6, 7 and 9 times tables and then 11, 12. Know corresponding division facts for known times tables. Know times tables in any order.
Tefillah	Consolidation of the prayers the children already know, beginning to use knowledge of Hebrew to read prayers.	Blessings from Chaggim Avinu Malkenu Birkat Hamazon

Hebrew	In the classroom Bakitah	Reading and decoding using our Aleph champ scheme and books children progress using the scheme according to their level
	Revision of part 1	
	Part 2-Misparim numbers items in the classroom Misparayim (scissors), Kiseh(chair)	
	Verbs:Omer/omeret (saying boy and girl)	