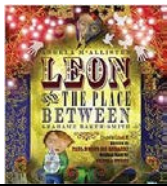


## Core Text:



The year 3 core text for this term will be *Leon and the Place Between*. This is a truly magical book that sees its main character visit the circus and take part in a magic trick carried out by the mysterious Magician Abdul Kazam. Leon is transported to the place between where he meets a whole host of magical characters. The text will form the basis of our learning across the curriculum.

**The Big Ideas:** All the world's a stage; Just because it is entertaining does it mean it's right?

**Memorable Experiences:**  
TBA

**English**

This term we will be basing our topic on the text *Leon and the Place Between*. We will be exploring the book in depth through a range of drama based activities. This will then be followed by the children writing Portal stories and poetry in the form of Haiku/Tanka. The key writing skills we will be teaching the children are:

- To write with clarity and for purpose
- To create settings, characters and plot through narrative writing.
- To write dialogue using speech marks
- To use a range of poetic devices

**Maths**

This half term children will be focussing on the following topics:

- Adding and subtracting 10 and 100 to and from a given number
- Multiplying and dividing a range of numbers by 10
- Addition and subtraction using mental methods
- Addition and subtraction using formal written methods

**Science Forces and Motion**

Our science topic this half term is 'Light'. Through practical investigations children will be experimenting with different sources of light, including reflection.

This unit will also assist children in understanding how shadows are formed and how light can pass through transparent objects.

**Humanities**

Our topic this term will be Gladiators and Ancient Rome. Through research, writing, debate and discussion children will understand the role of the gladiator and the impact that the Roman invasion of Britain had on its inhabitants.

This unit, however, will also focus on the overarching theme of entertainment and its moral implications. This topic will also develop children's ability to analyse history and form opinions.

**The Arts**

Children will be working on an art project linked to our text in literacy, focusing on the circus.

Children will be working with a range of materials to create finger puppets and musical instruments. They will gain sculptural skills from handling 3D materials.

**Computing**

This half term children will be learning how to be Television presenters. They will be learning how to use cameras, edit footage and evaluate their work. They will be deciding what they wish to report on and planning how they are going to record it.

**Learning to Live Together**

As part of our commitment to be a Rights Respecting School, children will be learning about the rights and responsibilities they possess and those of others on a global scale.

The Big Idea that we will be focussing on this half term is: Just because it is entertaining, does it mean it's right? Through our humanities work we will be considering the role that entertainment plays in society now and in the past, and will be thinking about the moral implications of some forms of entertainment.

**PE**

In PE children will be learning net and wall games, including how to play tennis. Children will learn to:

- Keep up a continuous game
- Use a range of throwing and catching skills

- Use a range of basic racket skills