



This is a gorgeous, sparkling story set in the dazzling world of the circus. Acrobats, jugglers and a peculiar barrel organ entertain the crowd before purple smoke fills the stage and the famous magician, Abdul Kazam, appears. When Leon volunteers to be in Kazam's magic show, he is transported to a mysterious, exotic world, called the Place Between.

The Big Ideas: All the world's a stage: Just because it's entertaining, is it right?

English

This term we will be basing our topic on the text *Leon and The Place Between*. We will be writing limericks and persuasion texts. The key writing skills we will be learning about are:

- rhyme and humour in poetry
- simple present tense
- logical connectives
- rhetorical questions
- representing viewpoints convincingly

Reading

We will be spending the majority of our reading sessions this term, looking at *The Village that Vanished* text. The key skills we will be teaching the children are:

- To listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.
- To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.
- To increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, and retell some of these orally.

Maths

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

- Mental addition and subtraction
- Statistics
- Mental multiplication and division

We will be revisiting other topics that we have covered this year with a bias towards number work and problem solving.

Science

Our science topic this half term is Light. We will be learning: how we need light in order to see things, dark is absence of light, light is reflected from surfaces, light from sun can be dangerous, how shadows are formed and how the size of shadows change.

Humanities

Our topic this half term is The Romans. We will be learning about what happened when the Romans invaded Britannia and what life was like for various people living at the time.

Art

Children will be working on an art project linked to our text in literacy, focusing on the circus. We will be looking at the work of Marc Chagall and will be creating circus artwork using a variety of media.

Computing

This half term Year 3 will be learning to communicate using technology. We will be learning how email works and will be collaborating with a peer from one of the three classes, to develop a project that will be shared via video conferencing.

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 we can, does it mean we should?

PE

In PE children will be learning a range of track and field sports in preparation for Sports Day nearer the end of term. Children will learn to:

- Explore running, jumping and throwing activities, and take part in simple challenges and competitions.
- Experiment with different ways of travelling, throwing and jumping, increasing their awareness of speed and distance.
- Children think about how to achieve the greatest possible speed, height, distance or accuracy.
- They should enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other.