



Summer 1 in Middlecott

English

This term in English, we will be exploring the structure and techniques of a Losing Tale, inspired by *Grandpa's Teeth* by Rod Clement. Students will begin by immersing themselves in the story, focusing on key language features, character development, and plot structure. Through oral storytelling, role-play, and shared writing, they will learn how to create suspense, describe emotions effectively, and build an engaging narrative. They will then plan and write their own Losing Tales, using rich vocabulary and varied sentence structures to bring their stories to life.

Outdoor Learning and PE Days

This term, we have Outdoor Learning on a **Wednesday**. Children will need a spare pair of shoes or wellies as well as a coat to ensure they keep warm! On **Thursday**, we have Mr Pierce for PE. Children can come in wearing their PE kit. Don't forget a school jumper to keep warm! Our other PE day is term is a **Tuesday**.

The Summer Term is going to start off with a football tournament for Middlecott so that they can put into play all the skills they learnt in the Spring Term. Then we move onto striking and fielding where the children will focus on cricket.

Maths

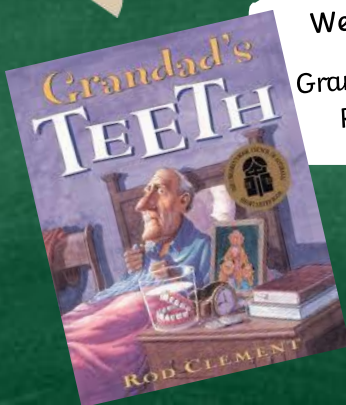
This term, we will be continuing to learn about fractions. Students will explore adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers and whole amounts. They will also learn about unit and non-unit fractions of an amount and develop their reasoning skills to solve fraction problems.

In addition, we will be learning about mass and capacity. Students will measure mass in grams and kilograms, explore equivalent masses, compare, add, and subtract mass, and investigate capacity and volume.

Finally, we will be learning about time. This will include telling the time to the nearest one and five minutes, using a.m. and p.m., converting between 12- and 24-hour clocks, and understanding hours, minutes, and seconds. We'll also explore durations and learn about years, months, weeks, and days.

We are reading...

Grandpa's Teeth by Rod Clement.



Science

In science, Middlecott will be learning about light. We will explore light and shadows, different light sources and explore the brightness of lights.

When learning about light, we will explore patterns with shadows and also look at how light is reflected off different surfaces.



PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be focusing on Relationships. The students will start by exploring Family Roles and Responsibilities, discussing how everyone in a family plays an important part and the responsibilities that come with these roles. They'll also look into Friendship, learning how to build positive and supportive relationships, resolve conflicts, and be a good friend to others.



Design Technology

This term in DT, we will be focusing on Electrical Systems: Torches. Students will explore how torches work and design their own using electrical components. They will also draw inspiration from the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests to develop creative and experimental designs. Through textile-based techniques, students will create repeating patterns suitable for fabric, combining art and technology to bring their torch designs to life. This will be an exciting opportunity to blend creativity with practical design skills!

Religion and World Views

This term in RE, we will be learning about The Trinity and its importance for Christians. Middlecott will explore the concept of the Trinity, focusing on how God is understood as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They will delve into the biblical story of the Baptism of Jesus, exploring what happens during this key event and how it reveals the presence of the Trinity.

Through this, we will discuss why the baptism of Jesus is so significant for many Christians, highlighting its role in Christian faith and tradition. They will also compare Infant Baptism and Believer's Baptism, looking at the similarities and differences between these practices, and what might influence a Christian's decision about baptism.

Music

In Music, we will be working with Pat each week on developing our skills as performers. We will be learning about Samba and carnival sounds and instruments. We will learn how to play as a group, in time with each other, how we can clap on the off-beat (the and of each beat) and be able to play a syncopated rhythm.

Computing

This term in Computing, we will be exploring Repetition in Shapes using a text-based programming language to learn about count-controlled loops while drawing shapes. Middlecott will develop their programming skills by typing commands to control how shapes are created.

Finally, they will have the opportunity to design a program that includes count-controlled loops, allowing them to create their own computer-generated artwork.

Geography

This term in History, we will be focusing on the Vikings, exploring the question: *What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred help to stop them from getting it?*

Middlecott will delve into significant events, starting with the terror that arrived in Britain on June 8th, 793, when Viking raids began. They will investigate the role of Viking longships, understanding why their design was so crucial for Viking success in travel and battle.

This is an exciting opportunity to explore Viking history and the impact of Alfred's reign on England's future!

