English and Maths
English lessons will be based on our Imaginative Learning Project “Beating Hearts” and will develop children’s writing and reading skills and understanding of grammar. The use of a key text in English means that reading is at the core of our writing and children will have the opportunity to write for a range of purposes. Whole class reading takes place each day in class and children are also encouraged to read a little every day either by themselves or with an adult. Maths lessons will follow the Maths curriculum. All children will receive an hour long lesson each day and a 15 minute mental maths session focusing on learning times tables and number bonds. We will also be linking our maths to the ILP where possible.

Imaginative Learning Project (ILP)
During our project, we will be visiting Kings Heath secondary school to dissect an animal heart, finding out about the different parts and how the blood flows. Afterwards, we’ll write a report of the experience and use software and models to learn more about how the circulatory system works. We’ll use a data logger to measure our heart rates and test how it is affected by exercise. In D&T, we’ll make model hearts, and test materials before making a stethoscope. As part of our music work, we’ll use our bodies as percussion instruments and feel our pulse. We’ll read shape poetry, and write poems inspired by the heart. We’ll learn about how smoking affects the heart and write adverts to persuade people to stop smoking. We’ll visit the ‘Give blood’ website, and make a flow diagram to illustrate the circulation process. At the end of the ILP, we’ll create fact files to share what we have learned.

Jigsaw
As part of our PSHE curriculum we will be completing a scheme of work called Jigsaw. This covers emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development – all with a mindfulness approach!

Homework
Each half term, children will be given a homework grid filled with a variety of tasks, each task worth 1, 2 or 3 stars. Over each half term, children must collect at least 10 stars by completing different tasks on the grid. Children can choose to bring homework tasks in as they complete them, or collect them together and hand them in towards the end of the half term. Tables are tested regularly as part of Maths lessons, so practice at home is essential. Children should read a home reading book, chosen for their enjoyment, and complete a reading record where appropriate. Your help in encouraging children to complete homework is vital, thank you. Similarly, your support in helping your child to be responsible for remembering things for themselves (such as meeting homework deadlines, bringing P.E. kit and learning spellings / tables) will help your child achieve even more independence.

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