

English

We will develop our biography skills by studying the lives of famous scientists and artists. Our class reader will support explorations in the structures, language and purposes of letters, explanation texts and persuasive pieces. This text will also be the stimulus for whole class guided reading sessions, alongside weekly stand alone topics covering non-fiction, Norse myths/ legends and poetry. Writing skills will be further developed through various narrative forms using short film stimuli. Whilst key spelling skills are developed, children will also review punctuation and grammar rules throughout the term.

Maths

During the Spring term, we will further develop our fractions knowledge before applying it to our decimals and percentages unit. We will move on to study perimeter, area and statistics. We will also be revisiting multiplication and division foundations before developing more efficient methods.

PE

The children will be developing their gymnastics and tennis abilities with the class teacher on Friday morning. Premier Sport will be working with the children on their netball and dodgeball skills on Thursday afternoons.

Music

Our first challenge will be to understand The Blues and learn to play the '12-bar blues. We will learn the blues scale on a tuned instrument before improvising our own piece. Next, we will create a composition to represent the festival of colour: Holi. The children will craft their own music, aiming to represent the theme through it.

Religion and Worldviews

This term, we will complete our learning about Muslim traditions and begin a series of units on the Christian faith, starting by exploring some Christian traditions.

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History/ Geography

In history, we will focus on the changes to Britain brought on by the arrival of the Vikings. Then, we will travel across the North Sea to the Viking homelands to learn about Norse culture. Our geography unit of migration will link well to our class reader, before we switch our focus to North and South America. Here we'll explore urban migration and the growth of megacities.

Science

We will begin the term studying Properties and changes of materials. Then, we will experiment with a range of forces, with a focus on gravity.

PSHE

Our units are 'Family & Friends' and 'Diversity and Communities'.

Computing

The children will use physical computing to explore selection in programming through the use of a Crumble - a microcontroller. They will connect and program components (lights and a switch) through existing programming knowledge. The children will look at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records.

Art/ DT

We will explore sculpture and 3D perspectives within installation art before studying mechanical systems. We will discuss/ analyse featured works of art and further develop drawing skills by replicating their style.

French

In the first half of term, we will be exploring French towns, asking, and giving directions to places in town. After half term, we will be talking about holiday destinations and holiday plans.