

English

We will begin this term exploring our emotions using the story 'The Colour Monster'. Then we will look at instructions using the text 'Jasper's Beanstalk', writing our own labels, lists and captions. Throughout the term, we will use a variety of different texts to inspire us to read and write short stories, poems and recipes. In our writing, we will focus on first saying aloud what we are going to write, then re-reading what we have written to check for sense. We will read and sequence sentences as well as discuss what we have read and written about. We will work every day on letter formation and handwriting.

Phonics

We will begin by revisiting key Level 3 and 4 sounds to consolidate prior learning and build fluency. We will then move on to explore alternative graphemes and pronunciations for known phonemes, developing confidence in reading and spelling a wider range of words. Our lessons will focus on blending, segmenting and applying phonics to read sentences and simple texts as well as spell words with the taught graphemes.

Music

In Music, we will be keeping the pulse together through music and movement and also learning about tempo by using our bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds. After half term, we will also have some songs to learn for our KS1 Nativity.

PE

This half term, we will be swimming on a **Friday** and after half term it will be 'Sending & Receiving'. PE with Premier Sport will be on a **Wednesday** and will start with 'Fundamentals' and move on to 'Ball Skills' after half term. **Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days.**

PSHE

We will cover units on 'My Emotions' and 'Beginning and Belonging' as well as 'Family and Friends'.

Geography

We will be looking at our school and local area, devising and using simple maps. We will consider the human and physical geographical features of our local area.



If you are particularly interested in any of our work this term and would like to be involved in our learning, especially Forest School sessions, please do let us know.

Design Technology

We will be thinking about stable structures and making a pencil pot for a specific user.

Science

Our topic in Science is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be learning how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials and describing their physical properties. We will also be looking at seasonal changes and venturing out into the village to look for signs of Autumn.

Maths

We will begin by learning about place value, counting forwards and backwards from any number (0-10), identifying one more and one less than a number and practising writing numerals correctly. We will then be adding and subtracting within 10, working on fluency and problem solving. Before Christmas, we will explore the names and properties of shapes.

History

We will begin the term by learning about our school and local area in the past to recognise differences between the past and the present. We will then be learning about the Great Fire of London.

Computing

In Computing, we will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing our keyboard and mouse skills, and also start to consider how to use technology responsibly.

Art

In Art, we will be exploring mark making and creating line drawings; working and experimenting with different media through observational and collaborative pieces.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about who is in our community and move on to celebrate different faiths through stories about Diwali, Hunukkah and Christmas.

Forest School

This year, Hedgehog class will be having fortnightly sessions on **Tuesday afternoon**.