

English

Writing - Children will be writing across a range of genres including narratives, reports and poetry.

Reading - Children will develop reading and comprehensions skills through our Monster Phonics guided reading sessions.

Children are expected to read aloud at home at least three times per week.

Spelling and Phonics - Children will continue to learn Y1 phonemes and review prior learning using Monster Phonics.

Handwriting - Children will practise their handwriting using Letter Join.

Continuous Provision

Helen Keller: A life without limits (History) - The children will learn the story of Helen Keller and explore how she learned to communicate. They will also learn about the story of her good friend, Alexander Graham Bell, whose inventions and ideas helped Helen communicate, before understanding how Helen became an important campaigner for people's rights. They will then learn more about Louis Braille, the inventor of the reading and writing system that was so important to Helen, before using Braille to make their classroom more accessible for visually impaired people.

Local Explorers (Geography) - The children will learn what geography is and how it helps us understand the world around us. They will begin by identifying physical and human features and exploring simple maps, including one with a key. They will then use positional and directional language, including the cardinal compass points, to describe locations, give directions and follow routes. Finally, they will investigate local human and physical features through simple fieldwork, using their observations and data to build a clearer picture of their environment.

Colour Creators (Art) - The children will explore the topic of colour mixing by understanding and using a range of materials to make our own prints which will build up to our study of self-portraits. We will examine the work of other artists who create portraits and use our knowledge of colour theory, mixing and a variety of materials to create our own collage self-portraits.

Den Designers (D&T) - The children will design, model and build their own den using different resources. They will evaluate their effectiveness.



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Maths

Number - Place Value within 10

Number - Addition and Subtraction

Geometry - Shape

Science

Marvellous Materials - The children learn that objects are made from a range of different materials, each with its own characteristics. They identify a variety of everyday materials and explore where these materials come from.

Seeing, Smelling, Sensing - The children learn that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. They name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. They learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe.

RE

We have two enquiries this half term based on Christianity. In Autumn 1 we are focusing on the creation story and thinking about how this influences how Christians behave towards nature and the environment. In Autumn 2 we will be reflecting on the Christmas Story.

PHSE

In Autumn 1 we will be exploring our rights and responsibilities within the classroom. In Autumn 2 we will be discussing our similarities and differences, friendships and what bullying means.

Computing

The children will be introduced to our new computing scheme Purple Mash. They will complete an introduction and then a creative computing unit.

Music

The children will be following the Charanga scheme. 'Rhyming in Time' and 'Let's Start Singing'

PE (Monday)

The children will be developing their Fundamental Skills.

Important Dates and Reminders

Homework is given out on Wednesdays and due back Monday.

Important dates and events will be posted on Class Dojo.