

Religious Education

Our first RE topic this term is 'Creation'. Through listening to stories from the Old Testament we will develop a love and appreciation of the world and our place in it. In our second topic of 'Prayer, Saints and Feasts', we will learn about the life of Mary and Jesus through prayer and Scripture. In the lead up to Christmas, we will learn about the parish preparations for Advent.

Mathematics

We will continue to follow the Inspire Maths program, starting with interpreting data and then moving on to shapes and pattern. We will be learning how to tell the time as well as deepening our understanding of number. We will encourage children to choose their own resources (e.g. cubes, base 10, tens and ones) to solve problems as well as learning new strategies to help us solve problems involving adding, subtracting within 1000.

Geography

We will be learning about island life and how the land is used by the people living there. We will have the opportunity to use storybooks to develop our understanding of geographical features and to express our views about people, places and environments.

Children wondered:

- How did the Great Fire of London start?
- What temperature does water freeze at?
- What jobs do people do on an island?

English

We will be enjoying a range of texts and stories, including quality texts such as 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Mog', and we will use these as a starting point to explore letter writing, invitations, descriptions, drama and story writing. We will enjoy learning and reciting poetry with plenty of opportunity for performance too! As in Year 1, we will continue to use our letter sounds in our reading and writing, and we will practise handwriting on a weekly basis.

P.E

Our indoor PE topic this term is 'Gymnastics'. We will be creating and performing short sequences of movements using our bodies to explore balance, traveling and direction.

Our outdoor PE topic will be Tennis. We are very lucky as we will be using the tennis courts on Brook Green. In Tennis we will be focussing on our ball skills and learning how to hold a tennis racquet correctly.

Year 2

Art, DT & Music

In Art we can look forward to learning about colour mixing. We will also be exploring some different printing techniques using Autumn leaves as our inspiration.

In DT, we look forward to our topic on, 'Roly Poly's'. In this topic we will design and make our own rolling toy. We will also evaluate the performance of our toys.

In Music the focus this term will be on exploring sounds through the topic 'Ourselves'. We will discover these elements through percussion, song, games and with the school's fantastic online learning resources.

Computing

Our focus this term will be Digital Literacy; we will be learning about how to stay safe online, using 'Hector's World'; an online e-safety resource that shows us examples of real life situations. We will also use the Internet for research, to find out about other areas of the curriculum. We will use a variety of educational games to improve our keyboard skills.

How can you help at home?

- Practise counting forward and backwards in twos, fives and tens from any number to one hundred and beyond
- Listen to your child read each day and ask them plenty of questions about the books they have chosen
- Ensure children know how to read and spell the 200 high frequency words and common exception words in their homework books
- Carry out some research about the Great Fire of London

History

This term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London, how it started and the impact it had on the way we live today.

We are already eager to find out about this fascinating topic!

Science

This term we will be finding out about different materials and their properties. We will describe and classify describing materials and sorting them in a variety of ways. We will be investigating how materials can change and why materials are suitable for different purposes.