

Religious Education

This term we will be building on our knowledge of Christmas. We will think about reactions to the birth of Jesus. During our 'Getting to Know God' topic we will learn about stories that show how special Jesus is, including stories about miracles. During Lent we will explore its basic meaning and make links to the life and teachings of Jesus.

Mathematics

We will begin the term with a focus on addition and subtraction using previously learnt techniques such as partitioning. We will be comparing the length of objects using appropriate units and vocabulary. In addition to this we will be beginning to explore numbers to 40 and different strategies for mental calculations such as the 'make 10' method. As always, there will be many opportunities for the children to develop their problem solving skills using a range of practical resources.

Geography

Our topic is 'United Kingdom' with a particular focus on England as part of the UK. We will be learning compass skills, the difference between human and physical features and how to locate the different countries on a map. We will then start a new topic called 'Continents'. We will use our mapping skills to study the globe and locate continents and oceans.

Children wondered:

- What is the difference between a continent and a country?
- How do astronauts go to the toilet in space?
- Why do leaves fall off the trees?

English

This term we will be learning how to write an information text using 'boxing up' and recycling other texts of this type. We will also explore a range of narrative texts. In particular, we will focus on the use of story language and character description. We will continue to work on our handwriting and the presentation of our work. We will be working hard to ensure we remember to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our writing. We will also be learning about other types of punctuation. Later, we will be looking at suffixes, prefixes and synonyms for adjectives to help improve our vocabulary choices when writing. In reading, we will be using the VIPER questions to improve reading

PE

In outdoor PE we will focus on 'Run, Jump, Throw'. We will learn to use a range of varying pathways and speeds. We will develop throwing techniques over longer distances

In indoor PE we will focus on 'send and return'. We will be using basic skills such as moving towards an object, being able to send objects using a hand or bat. We will also learn to send and return a variety of balls.

Year 1

Art, DT & Music

In Art this term, we will look at photos of the first moon landing and of the Earth from space. We will explore textures in paint to create our own celestial landscape. Van Gogh was inspired by views of the stars and we will create our own sky views inspired by the swirling paint in 'Starry, Starry Night'.

In DT, we will be thinking about healthy food and we will have the opportunity to design and make the perfect healthy dinner. We will ask Chef Rhys to rate our meals.

In music we will learn a range of action songs and explore rhythm patterns.

Computing

To build on the children's understanding of Computing and Digital Safety we will now be learning about data sets and grouping. We will also learn to recognise that humans input data.

We will also be learning how to program Beebots.

PSHE

During circle time we will spend time discussing how to treat one another respectfully in and around the school. We will focus on identifying emotions and how to resolve difficult situations in a calm manner through various role play activities.

Science

This term we will continue to learn about 'Animals including Humans'. We will learn about the different parts of animals and how they experience the world around them. We will sort animals according to their diet and discuss ways in which we can help animals in our local environment. We will continue our year long investigation on seasons.

History

This half term our focus is *Neil Armstrong*. We will be learning about the first moon landing and create a timeline of his journey to the moon. We will role-play being the astronauts travelling to the moon and coming up with responses to questions. Later, we will be learning about Amelia Earhart and her explorations.

How can you help at home?

- Read every day with your child.
- Access Reading Eggs and Big Cats eBooks
- Practise counting forward and backwards to 150.
- Ensure your child is using an appropriate pencil grip.
- Make sure your child is forming their letters and numbers correctly.