

PE:
This term, our PE sessions will focus on the whole-school theme of Journeys and Dance. The children will develop their balance, coordination, rhythm and teamwork skills while creating and performing dance sequences inspired by journeys, adventures and exploration.

Computing:
During our computing lessons, we will be focusing on the theme, 'Technology Around Us.' We will ponder what we already know about technology and think about how we use it within the classroom. We will ask questions about how technology can help us and explore using simple technology. This will include, knowing how to turn on a computer, open a program, use a mouse and keyboard.

Forest School:
We are extremely fortunate to be able to access provision for outdoor learning. We will be heading off on our adventures after half term!
Please ensure children come to school dressed for Forest School with appropriate clothing and footwear for these sessions.

Geography:
As geographers, we will be thinking about the local environment, we will identify seasonal changes in the UK and how this is changing due to human impact. Using our geographical skills, we will identify physical and human features and how these change and impact the environment around us. We will explore the term climate and what it is.

History:
As historians, we will be thinking about Sir Francis Drake and using their historical enquiry skills to answer the question 'was he a pirate or a hero?' We will discover the journey that he went on, including places that are near to us. We will be looking at events that happened during his life and using sources and artefacts to support our understanding.

Art & Design:
As artists, we will be exploring the work of Martin Bush. The children will learn about his distinctive style and how he uses bold colours, texture and layers to create striking pieces of artwork inspired by the natural world. The children will experiment with colour mixing, pattern, texture and composition to create their own pieces, developing their creativity and artistic skills along the way.

Design & Technology:
As designers, we will be exploring mechanisms by designing and making moving Christmas cards. The children will investigate how different mechanisms, such as sliders, levers and pop-ups, can create movement within a product. They will learn how these mechanisms work and evaluate existing examples before designing their own festive cards.

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RE:
This half term the children will be focusing on Christianity, with a particular focus on the Gospel and how it links with the concept of good news. We will listen to a range of stories for the Bible and consider how they guide Christians in their beliefs about prayer.

Christian Distinctiveness:
We demonstrate our Christian values through daily acts of collective worship, singing worship and family group acts of worship.

Science:
As scientists, we will be learning all about animals including humans. We will be thinking about how we can group animals. We will also be thinking about the 5 senses and how animals use these.

Maths:
As mathematicians, Year 1 will start this term with a strong emphasis on place value, with a focus on numbers to 10 initially before moving onto numbers to 20. We will use a range of resources to support their counting forwards and backwards, as well as exploring how to represent numbers in a variety of ways using the part-part whole model before moving onto addition and subtraction.
As mathematicians, Year 2 will begin by building on their counting skills from Year 1 with a focus on counting forwards and backwards to 100. We will also explore how we can represent numbers to 100 with a range of materials and explain how a number is made up with tens and ones. We will then move on to focus on addition and subtraction facts within 100.

RHE:
This term, our learning in RHE will focus on understanding and managing emotions. Children will learn to recognise a range of feelings in themselves and others, develop strategies for managing difficult emotions, and understand the importance of talking about how they feel. They will explore how emotions can affect behaviour, build resilience, and learn ways to maintain positive mental wellbeing and healthy relationships.

English:
During the Autumn term, our daily English session will be made up of Read Write Inc and handwriting. These sessions are about embedding and applying the children's decoding skills, so reading becomes second nature. We will also spend more time focusing on developing their comprehensions skills so they can talk about what they have read with confidence and also retrieve answers from the text they have read.
During their RWInc sessions the children also have the opportunity to build up their stamina for writing. They learn to build a sentence around a specific word and also write for different purposes, such as writing to entertain, story, poetry or writing to inform through fact files and posters.