

English

In writing, the children will be exploring the text '[Street Child](#)' by [Berlie Doherty](#). This text is set in London during the 1860s and therefore links directly to our History unit. The book will support the children's historical understanding, broaden their vocabulary, and take them on a gripping journey with the main character- Jim Jarvis. Pupils will create both their own character descriptions and historical stories using their knowledge from English and History lessons. There will also be a focus on writing to inform the reader this half term, with the children writing book reviews to recommend texts to other readers.

Reading

In our reading sessions, the children will embark on a literary adventure, exploring a diverse array of text types that not only captivate their imaginations but also cultivate crucial reading skills. From captivating narratives that transport them to fantastical worlds to informative non-fiction texts that unveil the wonders of the real one, these young explorers navigate the terrain of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and more. The children will develop their comprehension, retrieval, and inference skills but also foster a lifelong love for written expression.

Computing

We will be focussing on developing pupils' understanding of creative digital media. For the first half term we will be focussing on the creating digital graphics using an on-line tool called 'Canva'. For the second half of the term, we will learn how to create short videos and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video using iMovie.

Maths

For this first half term in maths, we will be focusing on consolidating our understanding and knowledge of fractions – learning how to find unit and non-unit fractions of an amount and how to multiply fractions.

We will then look at converting units of measures and solving reasoning problems using these.

RE

In this term's Religious Education curriculum, our students will embark on a fascinating exploration of creation stories across various religions.

We will delve into the rich tapestry of beliefs surrounding the origins of the world, examining both the similarities and differences between different religious perspectives.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read daily (even if for 5-10 mins).

Homework is due in on Mondays.

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons.

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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PSHE

This half term, our focus will be on equipping our children with essential knowledge about the benefits and potential risks associated with spending time online or using electronic devices. Through engaging activities and discussions, students will explore how their digital habits can impact both their physical and mental health.

We aim to empower pupils with the tools to navigate the online world safely, promoting a balanced approach that fosters a healthy relationship with technology.

Knowledge and Understanding

Science

In Science, the children will be learning about forces. Looking at the effects of air and water resistance and friction. They will be investigating mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears.

The children will also investigate the work of Sir Isaac Newton and undertake many scientific investigations, to support the development of their working scientifically skills and knowledge of physics.

History

In History this term we will be looking at the British Empire, through to the Industrial Revolution. They will be looking at how Britain started to establish trading posts and why they had the strongest naval power.

They will be exploring how the British Empire expanded through the Victorian Era and what inventions were created during this historical period.

Physical Development

This term, children will be learning hockey: an invasion game that develops both physical skills and game understanding. Pupils will practise key skills such as dribbling, passing, receiving and shooting, while learning how to create space, maintain possession and apply simple attacking and defending tactics.

Lessons will also promote teamwork, communication and fair play, alongside improving agility, coordination, balance, speed and stamina.