

English

This term, we will use the story, Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuijs, to write our own stories about friendship. Family and friendship will also be a big part of our reading of the book Puffin Peter, when we write about how to describe and find our friends. Our grammar focus this term will mainly be on sentence structure and the use of capital letters and full stops to ensure these are secure.

We will also be exploring instructions while reading *How to Wash a Wolly Mammoth*, non chronological reports with writing about sharks and poetry with *Blue Balloons and Rabbit Ears*.

If you have any questions or want to help out, please email
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P.E. days are on Tuesday and Thursday. Don't forget to wear your kit on your P.E. day and when you have an after school club!

Mathematics

This term we will be using the Herts Essential Maths Scheme to set us on the right track, tackling place value and addition and subtraction. If you need a helping hand with new concepts or tricky words, you can find definitions of key Mathematical Vocabulary at: <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>

Place value underpins our understanding of a range of mathematical concepts so it is important to get it right early on. We will also explore Positional Language and Sequencing, make sure we are all understanding subitising, Number Magnitude, Estimation and Comparison, Making 'Ten(s) and Some More'

Here are some fun, interactive online games to get you started: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even>

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R.E.

We will identify a range of everyday symbols and understanding what they mean. We will be able to identify the symbols for the world's main religions. In the second half term, we will think about why it is important to give gifts and consider what invisible gifts we could give to others.

Geography

This term we will be looking at mapping areas that we know. Making maps of the school and thinking about how we can use directions to navigate ourselves and others.

Computing

In Computing, you will explore e-safety, And basic computer skills such as logging on.

Phonics

Phonics is at the heart of our English learning. We have daily phonics sessions to help us become fluent, capable readers and writers. This term, we will build on our previous knowledge, focusing on using our sounds to help us write. Further information about the phonics phases can be found at: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/phonics-teaching-step-by-step>.

History

This term in history, we are looking back at the similarities and differences between our current king, Charles III and his predecessors King Charles I & II. We will find out about kings and queens in Britain and then compare important parts of their lives such as their coronation, power and clothes.



Design and Technology

This term, we will be designing and constructing nativity scenes.

We will also be developing our cooking skills by learning to how to make toast and sandwiches.

P.S.H.E.

This term we will be focusing on our school value of *Family*. We will discuss what a good friend looks like and find new ways to resolve arguments. We will consider how our words and actions can make people feel. We will discuss how to respond if you feel that you or someone else is being bullied and which trusted adults we can talk to.



Art

Vincent Van Gogh will be our focus artist this term and we will try to recreate some of his famous works using different mediums such as pencil, chalk pastel and oil pastels.

Science

During the autumn term we will be looking at the human body, inside and out! We will try to identify different body parts and locate the organs in our bodies. We will observe how we change over time, collect data about our bodies to ask and answer specific, scientific questions about our bodies and begin to learn about our senses. We will also delve into the world of materials in the second half term when we will learn about materials around us, their uses and properties, magnetism and answer questions about which materials would be best used for different purposes.