

Music – This term, the children will explore pulse and tempo through singing, percussion and movement. They will learn how to keep a steady beat, change speed, and perform simple rhythmic patterns as part of a group.

PSHE – The children will begin the term by exploring their place in the school community and thinking about their hopes and goals for the year. They will learn about responsibilities, feeling safe, and working well with others. Later in the term, the children will celebrate what makes us all unique, learning how to show kindness, respect and appreciation for differences within our class and the wider world.

Art – The children will develop their drawing skills through close study of Beatrix Potter's illustrations. They will explore line, detail and character expression, creating their own nature-inspired drawings in her style.

Science – The children will start the term learning about the human body, naming key parts and exploring how we use them. They will then investigate everyday materials, comparing their properties and carrying out simple experiments to test strength, flexibility and durability.

P.E. – The children will develop teamwork and movement skills through a range of invasion games, including handball and mini football. They will also take part in weekly Forest School sessions (Autumn 2), building resilience, confidence and a love of the outdoors.

English – Using *Talk for Writing*, the children will learn to retell stories, create story maps and use drama to develop vocabulary and structure. They will take part in daily phonics and spelling lessons, alongside regular reading sessions to build fluency and comprehension. Handwriting sessions will support correct letter formation.

Computing – The children will learn about self-image and how to present themselves safely and positively online. They will also explore the technology they encounter in everyday life, understanding what it is used for and how it helps us.

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History – The children will learn that history is all around us and that their own lives are already part of it. They will explore personal timelines, important events in their lives, and how memories and objects help us understand the past.

The children have access to a wide range of provision areas to support their learning. Within the classroom and outdoor area, we have an investigation station, reading corner, maths area, writing space, construction materials, art area and a fairy garden.

Maths – Throughout the term, the children will deepen their understanding of number using practical resources and hands-on activities. They will begin to use written methods for addition and subtraction and later explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

R.E. – The children will explore key Christian beliefs and stories, asking questions such as "What do Christians believe about God?" and learning what gifts Christians might have given Jesus if he was born here rather than Bethlehem.

D&T – Across dedicated D.T. days, the children will design and make their own moving toys. They will learn how wheels and axles work, experimenting with different mechanisms before creating a finished product to take home.

Geography – This term, the children will explore their local environment, noticing human and physical features around the school. They will use simple maps, directional language and fieldwork skills to describe what it is like in our local area.