

Music - During the term, the children will be learning the cornet every Friday with Mr Courtney.

Science- This term, pupils will explore the classification of living organisms, focusing on how animals can be grouped based on shared characteristics. They will also investigate the states of matter—solids, liquids, and gases—through practical experiments that demonstrate changes such as melting, freezing, evaporation, and condensation. These activities aim to develop scientific enquiry skills and deepen understanding of the natural world.

P.E. - During the autumn term, the children will be learning how to work in a team by playing handball. The children will also be completing boccia. Before Christmas, the children will then take part in Table tennis and dodgeball.

English - Initially, the children will recap key grammatical skills. Through the use of "Talk For Writing", the children will use a range of texts to learn new grammatical and transcription skills as well as embed those previously learnt through Key Stage One through the use of 'innovation, imitation and independent application'.

Computing - This term, we will begin the academic year by focusing on Online Safety, which will include topics such as copyright and digital animation. Following this, we will explore the unit titled "Stop Frame Animation", where pupils will have the opportunity to create a variety of media using animation techniques.

PSHE - Throughout this half term, the children will consider how they are a part of the wider world. They will consider their own personal goals, how they are a global citizen and their rights and responsibilities. In the second half of the term, the children will consider what is 'normal' and how differences should be understood and how to solve their own problems through a range of strategies.

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R.E. - During our RE lessons we will be looking at Buddhism and we are asking the question, "Is it possible for everyone to be happy? We will be looking at the Buddha's teachings and if this can lead to happiness. Leading up to Christmas we will be looking at the Christian teaching, "What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?"

French -. In French, we will start the year by learning to exchange greetings and share personal information such as names. We will then look at school days in French. This includes looking at the days of the week and a school timetable.

Art - During Art lessons, pupils will study the work of Rita Maggart, with a particular focus on her use of media and techniques in portrait creation. They will then apply these insights to produce their own portraits inspired by her style. Design and Technology (D&T) - On designated D&T days, pupils will plan and construct a working torch, incorporating electrical circuits and adhering to a specific design brief.

History - This term, pupils will explore the enquiry question: "How have children's lives changed over time?" They will examine what life was like for children during the Tudor and Victorian eras, and compare these experiences to their own lives today, developing an understanding of historical change and continuity.

Maths - During the first term, the children will continue to embed and develop previously learnt topics including place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will also look at area and complete lots of recapping of our times tables.

Geography - During this term, the children will consider the question 'Who lives in Antarctica?' They will be looking at what life is like in Antarctica and some famous explorers who have visited the continent.