

English

This term in literacy we will be immersing ourselves in our core texts linked to 'Me & You', we will explore feelings, likes and dislikes, friendships and our body through various high quality texts. We will also explore fiction and non-fiction books linked to the UK. The children will be focussing on the key skills of writing such as finger spaces, full stops, super spelling and capital letters. We will be supporting the children to think of their own sentence and to say it as they write it.

Topic

We will begin by thinking about where we live and our local area. Paddington Bear will help us explore the countries of the United Kingdom starting in London and visiting Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland - spending time in their capital cities. We will learn about the different countries including traditional dress, food and famous landmarks. We will use world maps, atlases and globes to identify these places and the surrounding seas. If you visit anywhere this half term, please feel free to send in leaflets or photos.

Show and Tell

We will be choosing a **Squirrel Star** each day! The Squirrel Star will be asked to bring in an item for show and tell using the Squirrel Bag- please help your child to think of 3 clues to describe what they have bought in; the rest of the children will then enjoy guessing what it might be. We discourage soft/ favourite toys coming into school. If you have not been chosen as the Squirrel Star, but have something that directly links to our learning you would like to share, please let your us know.

Me, you & our feelings too!
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Forest School

We will be spending time outside in the forest every week as a class. Our learning will link back to our classroom topics and we will enjoy spending time together working as a team.

Outdoor Learning - We will use the outdoors in all areas of the curriculum. We will be exploring our school's grounds and picking different areas to use for our seasonal changes investigation.

Maths

At the beginning of the year, we will be doing lots and lots of counting! We will make sure we can recognise, order, read and write numbers 0-10 and work on identifying the number that is one more or one less than a given number. We will then work on adding and subtracting two numbers using objects and begin to use the + - = symbols to write number sentences. We will explore challenges to find missing numbers and work on explaining our thoughts and reasoning. We will also develop our understanding of number bonds.

Quick as a flash..... number facts This half term we are focusing on counting to 50 forwards and backwards!

Reading

Your child will read in a group twice a week to an adult, they will practise blending words with sounds they know, recognising tricky words and learning to use punctuation to help their expression. Your child may also take part in 1:1 reading sessions so please ensure their phonics book and reading record are in school every day. Please read as much as you can at home to support your child.

PSHE

We will create a class charter together and refer to it during our time in school, we will discuss communities and groups we belong to and how to respect other people. We will think about how we might feel when we begin something new, as well as if and how these feelings might change over time.

PE

Outdoor PE

We will work on developing our agility and co-ordination being able to apply these in different activities and when using different equipment to throw, catch, kick, roll and hit.
Please ensure that PE kit is in school every day - to include black shorts and joggers, red t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

Games & Dance

We will begin the term by playing teambuilding games moving on to a Dance unit. We will listen to different pieces of music, think of different ways that we can move our body whilst moving around a space safely. We will also think about rhythm and pace and how this affects our movements. We will mirror each other's movements and sequence different movements together.

RE

We will explore why the bible is an important book for Christians, what Christians believe Jesus was like and who Jesus' friends were. We do this through exploring the bible and Jesus' disciples.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily in short whole class sessions; opportunities will be used to recap the sounds throughout the day and apply them during writing and reading sessions. We will continue the Little Wandle phonics curriculum that the children have been using in Reception.

Handwriting

The children will practice letter and number formation in whole class sessions and independent sessions.

Computing

We will begin by exploring e-safety over this half-term alongside thinking about instructions which will prepare us for coding. We will also use google-earth to explore the United Kingdom.

Music

We will be following Surrey's interactive scheme Charanga and attend singing assembly. In assembly, they will also be learning about some of the instruments that make up an orchestra.

Art and Design

Art

We will look at different pieces of art by Wassily Kandinsky and use different medium to create our own pieces. We will spend time mixing primary colours to find secondary colours and create paintings using these.

Science

My body and my senses!

The children will explore the parts of the human body and the function of each part, they will also investigate using their senses and reflect on what it might be like to not have a certain sense.

Seasonal Changes

Over the year we will observe how our environment changes through the seasons monitoring the weather, length of day and which flowers, plants grow at different times.