

Maths

In maths we are learning our place value and building upon our addition and subtraction skills. We will look at the value of 2 digit numbers, improve our knowledge of number connections and practice our reasoning and problem solving skills across each unit.

There will be lots of cross curricular maths opportunities through our science and history lessons as we use our data and statistics skills.

Theme

Our theme this term is based upon a historical theme, as we learn about the Great Plague, Nurturing Nurses and the Great Fire of London. We will discover how Florence Nightingale and her nurses became pivotal in driving forward modern healthcare and medicine. We will also learn about the origins of the Great Fire, the damage it caused and the timeline of events in its wake as we see through the eyes of Samuel Pepys and his diary.

English

In English, we start the term focusing our talk for writing lessons on a journey tale where will include dialogue. As the term progresses we will cover writing units that focus on instructions, a fear story and ending with a recount. We will include engaging texts such as The Papaya that Spoke, How to Trap a Dragon, The Owl who was afraid of the dark and Whatever Next.

In reading, we will be practicing our inference skills as we merge our learning within our RWI phonics lessons.

Basic skills

Additional time will be spent on basic skills as the children transition into key stage one. There will be a focus on building writing stamina, handwriting and GPS skills to further support progress through writing across the curriculum.

R.E.

In R.E, we will consider responding sensitively to decisions about what's right and what's wrong. We will also respond respectfully to people of different faiths and cultures and recognise differences and similarities between school rules and religious rules.

Support from home

It is our aim that your child reads at least 4 times each week. We have introduced a reading reward for those children who complete this so please log any home reading in their record.

Homework will be sent out weekly to support and consolidate classroom learning. This will be sent out with reading books every Thursday.

You could also further your child's learning by researching the Great Fire of London, or making some modern day connections between Florence Nightingale and medicine as we know it now. Local libraries have many resources that can make these tasks enjoyable for you to share with your child.

P.E.

In PE, we will be developing our PE fundamentals in through basic skills activities before progressing into athletics sessions. We will also be supported by a Physical foundations coach for one of our weekly PE sessions. Please check with teachers for PE days.

Science

In science, we will be learning about Materials their properties and changes as we identify and compare the suitability of different materials for everyday objects. We will also be developing our identifying and classifying skills as we carry out fair tests.

Art

In art, we will be exploring formal elements of art and design as we develop our sketching and painting skills through self portraits. We will look at and discuss the work of Hans Holbein the Younger, who was a famous portrait painter in the 16th century, around the time of the Great Fire.

History

In history, we will be looking at events beyond 1066 and using our historical research skills to find out things about the past. We will be using timelines to order significant events in British history as we consider how they have impacted on our lives today.

Year 1&2 Term 1 Plagues, Puss and Inferno