

Literacy

The children will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction work, where possible, linked to various famous people. They will continue to develop reading and writing skills by recognising and using the usual spelling patterns in words. The children will also continue to develop their understanding of phonics through the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme.

They have their usual weekly spelling test. In our handwriting sessions the children will be revising letter formation in readiness for joining up. Children will read individually and in groups to develop strategies to help with their understanding of texts. **Please ensure they bring their reading books in daily so that they can be heard as often as possible.**

Art/DT

The children will be designing, making and evaluating a wheeled vehicle. They will look at how toy cars move, paying particular attention to the axles. Under supervision, the children will then be required to replicate axles by appropriately measuring and sawing wood. In art, the children will be given opportunities to explore a variety of tools, techniques, materials and processes. An opportunity will be given for them to create a piece of work in the style of a famous artist.

Geography/History

The historical element of our studies focuses on famous people and events from the past including Neil Armstrong, Guy Fawkes, Christopher Columbus and the Great Fire of London.

In Geography the children will be developing basic map skills.

PE

The children will be developing their basic skills in outside PE. In our gymnastics lessons the children will be exploring movement within the theme of travelling. **P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Please note that as some lessons will take place outside, it would be advisable for all children to have trainers and plain, dark coloured tracksuits as well as named water bottles.

Maths

The children will be extending their knowledge of two and three digit numbers, consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction and will be introduced to the ideas of multiplication and division. They will be encouraged to use this knowledge in their mental calculations and when solving real life problems. They will be introduced to standard units of measurement and will be using money to both count and give change up to a pound. The children will be revising the properties of common 2D and 3D shapes, as the children as introducing new shapes. Problem solving activities will feature in many maths lessons.

We will also be testing the children on their times table knowledge each week.

Science

Through investigation the children will find out how squashing, bending, twisting and stretching can change the shape of and move objects. They will explore the suitability of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. This will lead to the construction of an object suitable for purpose.

They will also observe and compare different plants in our local area, focusing on deciduous and evergreen trees. Children will make observations of seeds and bulbs.

Children will learn about the importance of the findings of the scientist Dunlop.

Computing

The children will have regular access to ICT resources to integrate their learning in other subjects. The children will be developing keyboard and word processing skills. The children will also be using various tools in a graphics package to create pictures linked to our theme.

Languages

The children will begin learning French vocabulary for colours, animals and body parts.

RE

The children will be focusing on 'Special Times', and the children will be introduced to our focus religion of Islam, as well a learning about Christian celebrations in the run up to Christmas.

Enrichment (trips, visitors, events)

Wrest Park, Harvest Festival, Anti-bullying Week, Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas' Church.



PSHE

We will be continuing our ongoing work on Values focussing on respect, generosity, peace, and happiness. Alongside this, the children will also be developing their philosophical enquiry skills. The children will also be exploring personal health and relationships.

Music

Following the Music Express scheme, children will be singing and playing percussion instruments as they explore rhythm and pitch. The children will be composing 'firework' music, linked to our work on Guy Fawkes. Additionally they will be learning songs in readiness for our Christmas production.