

Numeracy

Number and place value is the first thing that children will look at this term. Children will be able to count to ten both forwards and backwards starting from any given number. They will count, read and write these numbers in both numerals and words whilst identifying one more and one less. We will also work on addition and subtraction of numbers to ten, including zero and children will learn to read write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. We will look at a range of 2D and 3D shapes including rectangles, circles, squares, triangles, cuboids, pyramids and spheres and children will be taught to recognise them and talk about position, direction and movement.

Literacy

In literacy we will be looking at pattern and rhyme, which, will enable the children to access and create a range of poems and rhymes. Children will be encouraged to listen to, respond to and discuss various poems and will learn some by heart. We will also be looking at non narrative writing and the children will explore a range of letters and postcards. Children will be taught how to orally form a sentence before attempting to write and how to segment to spell using the graphemes taught within phonics sessions. We will have a focus text in which the children will engage with, using as a prompt for both reading and writing. The focus text will be 'Aliens love underpants'.

Science

Investigating materials - children will be introduced to a range of materials, some familiar and some unfamiliar. Children will be taught about the different properties of materials, about testing different materials and will be given the opportunity to discuss the uses of various materials. Children will be able to ask questions about and explore common materials and objects using the appropriate senses. They will be encouraged to record their observations and communicate their findings in various ways.

Topic

Our topic title this term is 'What would Aliens think of life on planet Earth?' In history, we will focus on our local area and the changes that have taken place over time. We will look at how amenities have developed and what life was like in the past. Children will look at the differences and make direct comparisons. Our Art and Design will focus on the artist L.S Lowry and his works. Children will develop their pencil control and sketching skills in this unit.

Music

Our music this term will be led by our music teacher Mr Hughes.

PE

Dance - children will think about how to use movement and create sequences that show their thoughts and feelings. Children will also develop an awareness of the cultural origins of different dances and we will use these to create our own 'alien dance'. Children will also work with the Premier Sports coaches to develop a range of athletic skills and take part in invasion games.

<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>Families - Children will think about the importance of the people within our families and the differences within families, we will explore the love between families and the love that God shows to everyone.</p> <p>Belonging - In this topic, children will think about the different groups to which they belong. We will look at the sacrament of Baptism and how this is an invitation to belong to Gods family and to share in his life and work.</p> <p>Waiting - This topic covers the time of preparation for Christmas. Children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and a time in which we prepare for the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p><u>ICT</u></p> <p>Talking books - In this unit, children will use a word processor to assemble text and develop familiarity with the keyboard. Children will use recording devices to record, save and import sounds on to a computer. Children will continue to develop their skills in using a mouse to control a computer and will pull all of their knowledge and understanding together in order to create their own talking books.</p>	<p><u>SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning)</u></p> <p>Going for goals!</p> <p>This theme focuses on the key aspects of motivation with a subsidiary focus on self awareness. It provides an important opportunity for us to share all of the children's abilities, qualities and strengths ensuring that they feel valued and nurtured. Children will be able to reflect on themselves as individuals and discuss how they feel that they best learn.</p>
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