

R.E	In this term we will begin by studying 'Christmas' in the Bible. We will compare Gospel accounts of the nativity and think about the message of hope that is delivered by the Christmas story. We will then look at 'Lent' and discuss the lessons within some of the parables. The term will end with 'Holy week' where we will really get to grips with the bible and the explanation of the events of Holy Week. We will also begin to consider our preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.
English	Improving our understanding and use of English grammar continues, this will include practicing former SATs papers in order to prepare for the forthcoming tests. We will begin the term with a short look at fantasy settings; this will include creating a fantasy setting and a short story. We will then be moving on to looking at a Shakespearian play and adapting it in our words. Reading homework and follow up is done every week and we are continuing our push on improving our spellings this term.
Maths	Work on fractions and decimals will continue and we will also learn more about percentages. The topic of ratio and proportion will also be introduced. Consolidating the children's knowledge of geometry, measure and statistics continues. Not only will children be acquiring and consolidating these mathematical skills but they will also be given plenty of opportunities to demonstrate all of the maths knowledge they have by solving problems in their maths lessons. They will also be given regular SATs style questions in order to help them prepare for the tests, whilst consolidating their knowledge.
Science	This term we will be researching how organisms are classified by shared characteristics. We will learn how to use and construct classification keys. Children will also investigate how organisms produce offspring that share some of the characteristics of their parents, but these may vary. These characteristics can be affected over time by the environment the organism is living in eg insulating fur of the arctic fox. During the second half of the term we will investigate how living things have evolved over time and how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.
Computing	Bgfl365 coding will also give them the opportunity to design some of their own activities using coding. We will also be

	looking how we can use ICT safely and how we can protect ourselves online.
P.E.	The 'daily Skip' has been a successful way of starting the school day with a short burst of activity that not only increases the heart rate but also improves coordination. This continues each morning for 2-3 minutes. We will also continue with our weekly cross country running. In our PE lessons we will be studying gymnastics.
Topic	We will continue looking at Maps for the first few weeks of this term. We will then move on to the more historical based topic of the Vikings. During these lessons the children will look at where the Vikings came from. They will write diary accounts about their journeys. They will also be creating art pieces based on their topic. We will then move on to trading and economics- looking at fair trade and where our goods come from.