

English

In English we will read and retell the story of 'The Gruffalo,' using the text to develop our narrative writing. We will focus on the character description in the story. Alongside this text we will consider other stories, looking at character descriptions and traits. As part of our study of Harvest and farming we read and perform the story of 'The Big Carrot'. We will share stories every day to support our own storytelling and story writing and continue to follow Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy phonics' programme in our daily phonic sessions.

Mathematics

The focus this term is to develop skills for counting by extending understanding of how to count, read and write numbers. The children will be encouraged to use talk to demonstrate their skills and use practical maths to explore number and real life situations. They will learn to manipulate numbers using addition and subtraction in a range of games and challenges. The aim is for them to be secure in their understanding of number facts. The children will look at shapes and understand in many everyday objects.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at woodland animals and seasonal changes in our local environment. We will be using our observational skills to sort based on our own criteria. The children will look at ways to record their findings. The class will also monitor and further their knowledge of how our location changes from summer to autumn.

Geography and History

The children are going to explore the local area, buildings and history. They will consider the question of how this has changed over time, focusing on comparing family life in the past to today. The class will study the life of some famous people who are associated with Herefordshire.

Art and Design

We will create self-portraits and pictures of the natural world around us. The children will explore how to use and shape different materials to create models. The class will use paints, pastels, chalks and other art materials to consider colours.

Music

The children will learn new songs and listen to various pieces of music, exploring the tempo and instruments used to create mood and show feelings. We will compare the local musical influences of Herefordshire musical talent from Elgar to Ellie Goulding.

Computing

Use a range of simple programs within phonics, topic and maths activities. Understand how we can communicate with digital means. Consider the need for e-safety. Create a picture of an imaginary animal character using software.

P.E

The children will work on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. They will focus on their balance, agility, coordination and be encouraged to use these in a variety of games and activities. The class will look at ways of keeping ourselves healthy through different physical activities.

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Religious Education/PHSE

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We will look at special stories and times and why they are important in both the Christian and other religions. A focus will be Harvest and Christmas celebrations.

PSHE

The children will be using our new Jigsaw PHSE program of study to look at 'Being Me in my World.' Understand how to keep fit, healthy and safe, within our school and home.

How you can help

Regularly listen to your child read and talk about their books, ask them to retell a story in their own words or spot interesting words. Play games that involve counting, adding and taking away. Talk about the numbers they see about the home and in books. Explore any phonic sounds they are learning by encouraging them to recognise them in words they might hear in conversation or see in everyday use. Consider differences in the world around them.