

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 character descriptions 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 will read and perform the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. 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, aiming to increase vocabulary.

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 look at seasonal changes, weather, the number of daylight hours and how a tree can change through the seasons. The children will record their observations using our location as reference. The class will investigate everyday materials and their properties and if a material can be used for a particular purpose. The children will comment on their results.

Geography and History

The children are going to explore the local area, buildings and history. The children will consider history and how events are remembered, focusing on comparing family life in the past to today. The class will record the local area drawing maps and creating an ideal environment.

Art and Design

The class will explore mark making and line; working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces. The children will be cooking our traditional harvest soup, after looking at seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Music

We will learn about musical vocabulary, pulse and rhythm. Children will listen and perform after journeying into the unknown, exploring under the sea through music, movement, chanting and the playing of tuned percussion instruments.

Computing

The children will learn how to log in and navigate around a computer, developing mouse skills, learning how to drag, drop, click and control a cursor. They will create art inspired by Kandinsky and self-portraits. Complete online safety and learn how algorithms are used in computing.

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 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.