

English

Our English this term will be centred on the book Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. We will read the book together, and use it to scaffold diary entries, letters, explanation texts and some journalistic writing. We will also look at the narrative poem The Highwayman. We will have **SPaG** lessons in order to learn how to build good sentences and paragraphs. We will be following the No Nonsense Spellings scheme, with 5 **spellings** lessons over each two weeks. Reading **comprehension** lessons will be centred on sharing a book and will practice techniques to aid our understanding and appreciation of the texts that we read. They will also have regular slots in which to read their own books from home, independently. Please help your child to choose an appropriate text.

Maths

In Maths we will look at area and perimeter, position and direction, shape, algebra, ratio, statistics and measure. We will continue to recap and develop our formal written methods for all four operations and our arithmetic. We will regularly practice our reasoning skills with some trickier problems. After half term we will continue to go over any areas of particular difficulty. We will try to solve complex problems using bar modelling.

Computing

During computer sessions we will be learning how to organise data into spreadsheets, use formulae to help with calculations and to turn the data into charts.

R.E

In RE this term we will be looking at Hinduism.



Our values this year:

Hope – to have faith, confidence and high aspirations for the future.

Joy – an expression of inner joy and happiness, encouraging others so they can be a source of joy to others.

Community – being interdependent, working together where everyone is feels included, needed, valued and important.

Science

As scientists we will be investigating light, how it travels, reflection, refraction and how we see. We will also study electrical circuits using lights and buzzers and have a go at making our own switches.

Art

As artists, we will be learning about the contemporary American artist Sandra Silberzweig. We will learn about her individual style and have a go at creating our own portraits, using pastel and paints.

PE

Games lessons will take place on Thursdays with Atlas sports. Our PE lessons on Tuesdays will be Dance.

Music

Our musical spotlight is on 'Music and Technology'. Can we tell the difference between live sounds and digital sounds created using a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation)?

French

This term we will be thinking about where we live and how to describe our homes. The children will design their dream houses, including furniture, using prepositions to describe where it is placed.

Geography

Our topic this term North America; its countries, cities and landmarks. We will learn about physical and human features and we will research and compare Death Valley to Gloucester!

History

We will learn a little about the history of the Americas. We will create timelines to see just how long the Mayan civilisation has existed. We will learn just how advanced the Mayans were, examine their culture and try to work out why it died out.

D&T

We will research, design, make and taste our own Mayan hot chocolate!

PSHE

This term we will focus on building positive friendships and relationships and look at the influence that the media has on how we feel about ourselves.