



Curriculum Information

RE

Our new RE topic this term is '**Creation and Covenant**'. The children will explore the first creation story from Genesis and spend time wondering about the blessings of creation in their own lives. Our second topic is called '**Prophecy and Promise**' which will explore Advent on the lead up to Christmas.

Literacy

Writing:

This term we will be recapping writing skills including capital letters, full stops, commas in a list and using conjunctions and using these alongside new skills including expanded noun phrases and inverted commas.

Reading:

The children will practise VIPERSS skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Spelling: Weekly rule using Purple Mash Spelling.

Applying phonic rules to help learn the Year 3/4 spelling lists.

Mathematics

The children will practise daily, oral and mental skills such as counting, mental strategies, rapid recall of number facts, etc. Units of work will include securing number facts, place value, counting, partitioning and addition and subtraction. For information regarding methods used for calculation, please use the [Calculation Policy](#) and guidance on the school website.

The times tables we will be working on this term are recapping 2s, 5s, 10s, and developing knowledge of 3s, 4s and 8s. We will be completing Times Table activities in maths lessons.

History– The Stone Age

In our first history unit Stone Age to Iron age the children will understand that prehistory was a long time ago. They will learn how trade increased during the Iron Age and why coins were needed. They will learn about how tools, weapons, clothes and houses developed.

Key Vocabulary: Stone age, bronze age, iron age, Neolithic, forage, thatched, prehistoric, tribe, artefact, archaeologist, tools.

Geography

In the second half term, we will be learning about rivers. They will learn how they are formed, where waterways can be found, their place in the water cycle and ways we use it in daily life.

Vocabulary: condensation, evaporation, precipitation, groundwater, percolation.

Science

In the first half term the children will be learning about light. We will investigate how light travels, discover how reflections and shadows are formed, and learn how to protect our eyes from the sun.

Vocabulary: light source, darkness, reflection, opaque, translucent, transparent, shadow

In the second half of the term, we will explore contact forces like pushes, pulls and friction. We will investigate how things move on different surfaces, and discover how non –contact magnetic forces can attract or repel objects.

Key Vocabulary: Force, contact force, friction, attract, repel, magnetic poles.

Computing

Our first unit 'Touch typing' introduces children to touch typing. Children learn correct posture, finger positioning and typing techniques to develop speed and accuracy, while understanding how these skills support safe and effective computer use.

Key Vocabulary: home keys, keyboard, posture, shift key, space bar, typing.

The second unit is called 'Email' and allows children to explore electronic communication using 2Email. Children learn how to respond to, compose and add attachments to emails as well as consider the safety aspects of email communication.

Vocabulary: attachment, communication, compose, inbox, password, recipient, trusted contact.

Physical Education

In the first half term, we will be playing Tag Rugby. The children will practice safe ball handling, master the rules of passing backwards, and learn how to dodge defenders to score a try.

We will also be focussing on fitness, where we will complete a variety of fun circuit exercises, track and measure their own scores, learn how to safely push their limits, and focus on achieving their own 'personal best'.

In the second half term, we will be

exploring balance, agility, and body management through gymnastics. We will also play handball, where we will practice chest and bounce passes, master dribbling with either hand, and learn how to dodge defenders to shoot into a goal.

French

A new start: We will learn how to greet each other, introduce ourselves and learn basic numbers and colours.

The calendars and celebrations: We will recap all of the above and learn the days of the week and months of the year.

Music

In Music this term, we will be exploring storytelling through ballads and creating compositions. We will learn how traditional ballads convey deep emotions, and tell stories. We will then vary pitch, tempo and dynamics to compose a descriptive piece of music that matches a short animation.

Homework

Children will be sent home with a homework book on a Friday. Inside there will be a homework grid. The children are asked to complete two pieces of work from different columns. Homework books need to be returned by Wednesday.

Children will also receive spellings which will be tested on Friday.

We ask that children also be allowed to access their TT Rockstars accounts at home so that they can practise their times tables. Passwords will be in their reading records.

Daily Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book which they are expected to read to an adult daily. These books will be related to their accelerated reader level. Please keep their reading record up to date.

Now your child is in Key Stage 2, they are responsible for making sure that they quiz and change their books regularly.