

English

We will be basing a lot of our learning in English this term on the novels 'Holes' and 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' - both by Louis Sachar. We will use these texts as a stimulus for writing a range of genres.



We will be writing in-depth newspaper reports, character descriptions, informal letters, wanted posters, back stories, play scripts and information leaflets.

In our guided reading sessions, the pupils will be reading a range of classic and contemporary texts and will be answering questions involving summarising, prediction, inference and deduction.

Religious Education

We will start the term thinking about the importance of Christmas to Christians and the symbolism involved—looking deeply at John's Gospel.

We will move on to the celebrations of Baptism and Confirmation and how these sacraments and intrinsically joined. We will consider power and actions of the Holy Spirit and will also begin our preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation. Pupils will research a saint in whom they find inspiration and complete a project based on them.



We will think about our Lenten observances and prepare for the remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection in Holy Week.

Art

The children will investigate creating works of art through cutting, tearing and ripping images, emulating the work of Hannah Hoch.

We will also produce still-life images—thinking about line and tone and symbolism of these images and gain inspiration from Helene Funke.



Science

In Science we will be studying a topic on evolution and inheritance. The pupils will learn about adaptation and variation and will find out about such visionary scientists as Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace.



We will also cover a topic entitled Animals including Humans. We will explore different systems within the body and find out about healthy lifestyle choices.

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Computing

Pupils will gain an understanding of how information technology can be used to record and edit video clips. This topic will include writing a script, researching the topic and recording using digital devices.

The pupils will have lessons on internet safety and will carry out a project using and applying a variety of skills.



Maths



We will start the year finding equivalent fractions and decimals and then proceed to multiply and divide decimals and solve decimal number problems.

We will then move on to comparing fractions, decimals and percentages—finding percentages of numbers and solving problems involving percentages.

The next topic will be algebra: using simple formulae, using algebra to solve problems and find numbers that satisfy equations.

After this, we will be working on measure—solving problems involving length, mass, volume and time.

We will also introduce ratio.

PE

In PE this year, the children will be learning many of the basic skills involved in hockey including dribbling, passing, shooting and tackling.

In badminton, they will learn how to serve and return in a competitive match and also how to move around the court. After half term, we will move on to developing our tennis skills with an aim to entering an inter-school competition and also complete a unit based on improving fitness.



Geography / History

The geography topic this half term is all about Naples and Campania. We will look at Mt Vesuvius, tourism and daily life in and around Naples.



In History, we will learn out about ancient Benin. We will find out about where it was located and why it was a thriving civilisation. We will study the beliefs and artwork of the area and compare these to contemporary European ideas. We will also look at the European invasion and destruction of Benin.