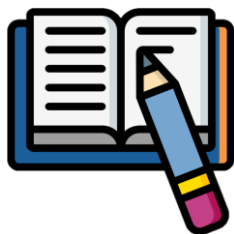


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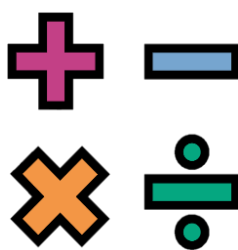
Literacy



Our writing this term will be inspired by *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson and *Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max. With *Cave Baby*, the children will create labels, posters and letters before retelling the story in their own words, practising sequencing and story language. *Astro Girl* will take us on an adventure into space, where the children will write in role, use commands and create “how to” guides. The unit will finish with an exciting fact file titled *How to be an Astronaut*, bringing together their knowledge of space and their growing writing skills.

In Phonics, we will begin by revisiting Phase 3 and 4 sounds before moving on to Phase 5. The children will practise reading and spelling words with digraphs and blends, as well as tricky words from earlier phases. Later in the term, they will learn alternative spellings for familiar sounds and finish by applying their knowledge to read and spell longer words with confidence.

Maths



In Maths, we will be learning about the place value of numbers up to 10. Children will learn to count to 10 forwards and backwards, to recognise numbers as both numerals and words, identify one more or one less than, and compare numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. The children will then be introduced to addition using a variety of methods including part-whole models, fact families and number bonds.

Science



This half-term, our topic is Seasonal Changes. The children will learn about the four seasons, exploring different weather types and how they change. They will compare autumn with winter, and spring with summer. The children will recognise changes in daylight hours, understand day and night and use observations to compare all seasons through weather, temperature, nature and daylight patterns.

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DT



Our DT topic this half-term is Hand Puppets. The children will explore different fabrics and materials, learning how to join them using simple techniques. They will design and plan their own hand puppet, prepare resources, and follow steps to create it. Finally, they will evaluate their finished product, reflecting on its function, appearance, and how well it meets their design.

Computing



Our computing topic this half-term is Technology Around Us. This unit will teach the children all about how technology benefits them. They will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills and start to consider how to use technology responsibly.

History



The first topic is 'History of Toys'. The children will learn about toys through time, sequencing them from the past to modern era. They will identify how materials, technology, and play have evolved over time, and they will learn about the first teddy bear. The children will have the opportunity to explore historical toys, deepening understanding by demonstrating differences in design, function and significance.

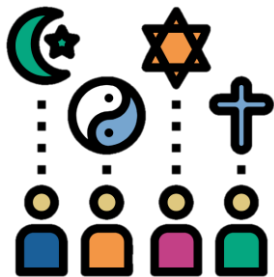
Music



This half term, the children will explore how sounds can be made and used expressively through their voices and bodies. They will listen to and echo different pitch patterns, use vocal sounds to enhance songs and stories, and perform body percussion to create rhythm and mood. The children will also compose simple sound effects to match story characters and actions, helping them to develop confidence, creativity and musical expression.

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RE



This half-term, we will be answering the Big Question: What do Christians believe about God and why? The children will learn the key Christian beliefs about God, sacred stories, and important figures. They will explore ideas of community, belief, and storytelling through engaging activities and discussions.

PE



In Autumn 1, children in Year 1 will focus on developing their fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing, and catching. Alongside these physical skills, they will begin to understand the importance of teamwork by participating in group activities and simple games. The aim is to build their confidence, coordination, and cooperation as they learn how to work together to achieve shared goals.

PSHE



Our PSHE topic for Autumn 1 is 'Me and My Relationships'. During this topic, we will focus on how to recognise and talk about our emotions as well as understanding how different emotions can make us behave. We will then look at the characteristics of friendships.