

English

Our first text this term is a narrative based upon the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. Children will learn the text off by heart using a story map which follows the journey of the main character and the sandwich. We will learn about noun phrases. Children will use speech bubbles to record what the characters might say. Children will have lots of opportunities to generate ideas for other settings, food items and characters. Children will practise writing a class version of a similar story which will give them the skills to write their independent version.

PE

Our indoor unit is a gymnastics unit called 'Points of contact'. Children will develop fundamental movement skills, extend agility, balance and coordination and engage in physical cooperative activities. Our outdoor unit is a fundamentals unit where children will refine the skills of running and changing direction on the move. Children will also develop throwing, catching, striking and dribbling skills, and will play small games.

Music

This term's music is titled 'Writing Music Down'. Children will learn how long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds can be represented by musical symbols. Children will explore how symbols can be written on a staff and named with special musical names.

Computing:

Our computing for this term is 'Computing systems and networks'. Children will learn what IT is and how it is used both within school and around the world. We will discuss the benefits of IT whilst identifying how we can remain safe when using technology. Children will have the opportunity to use IT in different ways.

Maths

Our first maths unit is 'Numbers to 100'. We will begin by revisiting previous learning on numbers to 20, counting in 10s and 1s, and recognising 10s and 1s in a number. We will then progress to using a place value grid to build numbers, partition numbers to 100 (including flexibly) and count in 10s on a number line. We will also compare and order numbers to 100 and count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

Art

Our art unit this term is 'Gestural drawing with charcoal'. Within this unit, we will explore the work of the artists Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas. Throughout the unit children will experiment with the types of marks they can make with charcoal, using their hands as well as the charcoal. For the masterpiece, children will use their bodies as a drawing tool to make drawings inspired by movement. They will then evaluate their own work and the work produced by others.

Geography (topic)

As you know, our geography focus this term is 'Where in the world are we?'. We will be exploring where we live in terms of a continent, a country, a county, a city and a street. We will learn to name and label the world's oceans and continents. We will delve deeper into the continents and look at some of the features of each. We will also look at aerial photographs linked to all of our prior learning.

Science

Our first science unit of the year is 'Rocks, soils and fossils'. We will learn about how rocks are different, what certain rocks are called, and what rocks are used for. Children will explore different soils and will learn about what soils hold water. Children will be able to identify living things from which fossils might have been formed, and describe a simple process of fossil formation. Finally children will learn about who Mary Anning was and how she became a palaeontologist.

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Jigsaw:

This term's Jigsaw is 'Being me in my world'. In this Puzzle the children discuss their hopes and fears for the year ahead - they talk about feeling worried and recognising when they should ask for help and who to ask. They talk about rights and responsibilities; how to work collaboratively, how to listen to each other and how to make their classroom a safe and fair place. The children will talk about choices and the consequences of making different choices, set up their Jigsaw Journals and make the Jigsaw Charter.

Religious Education

This term's RE is 'A Hindu Story: Rama and Sita' which is part of the Opening Worlds programme. Children will learn how the story tells of Prince Rama, an incarnation of the god Vishnu, and his wife Sita, an incarnation of the goddess Lakshmi. They will learn how they are kidnapped by the demon king Ravana and how Rama rescues Sita.