

Literacy

- Children to work through a range of genres – focusing on British Literacy and develop speaking skills, through reciting poetry, reading & drama.
- Fiction – “Take One Book” – The Snow Merchant – PSHE themed story linked to Christmas – focus on cross curricular links.
- Non Fiction – Explanations – Futuristic Travel – explanations linked to futuristic travel machines – Dragons Den pitches to the class.
- Poetry – focus on vocabulary building – look at poems of Michael Rosen & Roger McGough & recite their own free verse.
- Spellings – focus on strings – ant, - any, - ent & statutory words.

Maths

- Examples of activities the children will work on:
- Measurements – convert between different units of metric measure (km, m, cm, mm, kg, g, mg, l, ml) work out the area & perimeter of regular & irregular shapes, estimate volume and capacity, solving problems using units of time.
- Geometry – identify 3D & 2D shapes, know angles are measured in degrees, estimate & compare acute, obtuse & reflex angles, identify position of shapes based on reflection & translation.
- Numbers – solve practical problems relating to numbers, read Roman Numerals to 1000 (M) & read years written in Roman Numerals.

Science - Forces

- Children will understand falling objects and air resistance – look at how parachutes and sycamore seeds fall.
- Children will experience forces that make things move, slow down and speed up through practical activities.
- Children will test water resistance by making and testing boats of different shapes.
- Children will test effects of levers, pulleys and mechanisms (link to DT) on different movements.

Visits and Visitors

- Visit from a local vicar to discuss the importance of the Bible in daily life & how they use it to help their community.

Enrichment and Experiences

- Parents & other classes to be invited to see the outcomes of the children’s work eg: poetry recital, Dragons Den pitches, Celebration song, Christmas production, activities & parties.

History - Santa Claus

- Children to learn about the history of Santa Claus over time, focusing on St Nicholas, Tudor representation of Father Christmas, European traditions and characters.
- Children to learn about the history of Christmas traditions – eg: presents, trees, puddings, cards.

Geography – Toy Transportation

- Children to research and work out how far Santa has to travel to take the presents around the world. Children will work out and order his journey around the world.
- Children will learn about time zones and where Christmas day begins in the world.



An overview of the activities and experiences the children will be covering as part of this topic.

Art – Christmas Cards

- Children to look at & analyse the various illustrations & imagery found on old & modern Christmas cards.
- Children to choose a style of Christmas card art & create their own Christmas card, reflecting their chosen style.

D.T. – Mechanical Christmas Toys

- Children to look at a variety of traditional toys with simple cam mechanisms.
- Children to work through the design, create, make and evaluate process to construct a simple working mechanical toy for a child for Christmas.

Modern Foreign Languages - French - Rigolo

- Children will be taught French by Madame Leze each week, through practical activities & speaking & listening.
- Children will work through the On Mange unit – focusing on shopping, recognising different foods, asking for food items, parties & giving opinions on food tastes.

PSHE – Go Givers & SEAL

- Children will learn about the rights of the individual & society, ensuring there is a good balance between both.
- Children will understand how the media presents information & challenges different stereotypes.
- Children will look at the Roma culture & its diversity.

Computing - Sounds

- Children to learn basic programming techniques using the Scratch program – focus on changing variables and counting in numbers and Roman Numerals.
- Children to understand the importance of e safety when using computers and the internet.

R.E. – The Bible and its teachings

- Children to learn about the different writings in the Bible – laws, proverbs, stories & focus on the importance of the Gospels as a record of Jesus’s life.
- Children to understand how Christians use the Bible & its stories as guidance & inspiration in their daily lives.

Music – Music Express - Celebration

- Children to learn and sing a lively celebration song to perform to an audience.
- Children to learn how to sing and play in three & four parts, including use of percussion instruments.
- Children to understand use of the downbeat in music.

P.E. – Gymnastics & KS2 Games

- KS2 Games – focus on development of key ball control & team skills in Football, Rugby, Netball and Hockey.
- Gymnastics – Children to continue working on their Bridges, Spinning and Turning units of work, developing footwork & body movement skills related to these areas.