

Computing

This term our computing topic is:
'We are journalists'

We will create a piece of electronic work to illustrate newspapers and blogs, collated into an eBook.

We will understand what **algorithms** are and use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. Also we will recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.

Through the use of the school iPads we will develop our ICT skills and manipulate pictures, text and graphics using Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher.



Religious Education

We will be continuing to learn about **Christianity** and the celebrations that happen over the Christmas period. We will learn that **Christmas** is a time where Christians celebrate the birth of **Jesus Christ**. We will be introducing a place in the community where Christians worship through a visit to the All Hallows Church where we will have an exciting opportunity to interview the **Priest**.



Reading

Read with your child **every day** for **10 to 15 minutes**. This will help them to develop a word bank which they can use in their school work.

Reading is very important and aids your child's knowledge of punctuation, sentence structure and story structure. Your child will learn more effectively if they read more at home.

Spelling & Home Learning

You will receive a **Home Learning Passport** detailing projects and questions for you and your child to complete at home. All homework is carefully chosen to link closely with your child's school learning.

Spellings will be sent home on **Tuesday**: the children will have 1 week to find out the meaning of each word as well as learn the correct spelling for their spelling test on the following Tuesday.

If you have the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics**, an online programme subscribed to by the school, to help our children to improve and reinforce their maths skills.

<http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

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English

Our focus texts for this half term are:

Lila and the Secret of Rain - David Conway

Meerkat Mail - Emily Gravett

This term we will be analysing the stories and adding in our own scenes and characters. We will be writing in the voice of a character as well as researching information about Kenya. Finally we will be writing a post card from a new location, and a new version of **Meerkat Mail**.



We will use high level thinking skills, (**Bloom's Taxonomy**), to answer reading comprehension questions and deepen our understanding of the text.

We will continue to pay particular attention to spelling, grammar, vocabulary, presentation and handwriting.



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We teach our children:

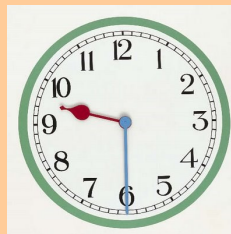
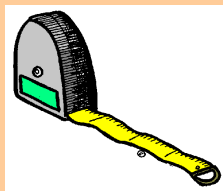
Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Mathematics

We will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 100 and using $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. We will recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently as well as using adding to check subtraction. We will be using rulers to measure and draw lines to the nearest centimetre. We will learn to estimate how long an activity might take, then check using a timer. We will be exploring different shapes and learning how to tell the time when it is something o'clock or half past the hour.

Finally we will practise mental arithmetic strategies to add and subtract numbers in our heads. We will also be learning how to solve simple one-step problems involving addition and subtraction.



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Topic: People of The Past

Focus Figure: Rosa Parks

Focus Text: 'A Picture Book of Rosa Parks'
by David Alder

This is mainly a **History** based unit. History is one big story, filled with important people who did many great things – scientists, rulers, artists, writers, explorers. By learning about these people and what they did, we can find out more about the qualities that make someone great. In **Music**, we will be exploring music by a famous composer and creating our own music to tell the story of our famous composer. In **Art**, we will be exploring portraits of famous people from the past, creating a portrait of a friend, exploring the work of famous artists and painting a scene in the style of a famous artist. In **PSHE**, we will explore the idea of 'fairness' and finding out why some people in the past wanted to make change.



Physical Education

This term our focus will be on **Gymnastics** and increasing our range of basic gymnastic skills. Creating simple sequences of 'unlike' actions on the floor, e.g. a roll, jump and a shape. Then transferring our skills on to apparatus. We will use our skills and abilities individually, in combination and in sequence, with the aim of showing as much control and precision as possible.

PE will be on Thursdays for Sapphire and Fridays for Diamond

All children are required to take part in physical education. Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.