

Music

This term, children will learn about rhythm through songs, games and music from around the world. They will practise keeping a steady beat, performing rhythms confidently and creating their own short rhythm pieces.

Science

Pupils will be exploring how light allows us to see the world around us. They will investigate how light travels in straight lines and learn about reflection, transmission, absorption and shadows. Through practical investigations, children will discover how different materials affect light, how shadows change size and shape, and why we cannot see in complete darkness.

PE

This term, the children will develop their understanding of body management. This is skills used to control the body in a variety of situations which require an integration of agility, coordination, balance and flexibility. They will also continue their knowledge of invasion games using attacking and defending skills.

Physical, Social, Emotional Health and Well Being

In PSHE, we will be reading *The Colour Thief* to help the children explore mental health and wellbeing. They will learn about different feelings, how to look after their mental health, where to seek support and the importance of showing empathy, kindness and respect towards others.

French

The children will listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. They will continue to develop their knowledge of classroom instructions and learn about classroom objects.

What we are learning

The topic for this half term is 'Our Place in the World'. Our driving subject is geography where the children will be learning about the role the UK and London, in particular, plays in global trade.

Key concepts:

- Region and location • Settlement • Trade
- Development and resources • Population • Diversity
- interconnections

Our place in the world

Upper Key Stage 2

How significant is the part that the UK, and London in particular, plays in global trade?

Maths:

In Year 5 and 6, the children will develop a deeper understanding of place value and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will further develop and consolidate their knowledge as they apply it in problem solving contexts.

Numbers are part of everyday life. Understanding place value can help when writing and describing numbers and carrying out simple calculations without using a calculator. Place value enables us to compare different values.

English

In English, the children will be reading the book - Alex Rider, Stormbreaker. They will develop their reading fluency and prediction skills through reading the story and complete reading response tasks to gain a deeper understanding of the book. The children will develop their understanding of punctuation and grammar and begin to apply this to a genre of writing.

Home Learning Opportunities:

Home reading is essential to developing your child's reading. Please encourage your child to take part in the 10 minutes a day reading challenge.

In addition, if you could practise any tables and division facts with your child this will really help them as these facts form an important part of the maths curriculum. If you need a reminder of how to access TT Rockstars then please ask your child's teacher.

Computing

This term, children will learn how to stay safe online by creating strong passwords, recognising misinformation, understanding digital personalities, and learning why it is important to keep apps and software updated. They will also explore respectful online behaviour and how to report and gather evidence of bullying online.

RE

The children will be reflecting on and considering the key question, 'Do you have to believe in God, to be good?'