

Summer Term 2024
Curriculum Newsletter for Parents
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! During the Summer Term, we will be covering the following areas. If you have any questions then please do get in touch.

<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>Children will be continuing to learn about different coins/notes and solving addition and subtraction problems involving money (combining coins and finding change). They will also be learning how to interpret data that is presented in different ways e.g., in a tally chart, table, pictogram.</p> <p>In the final half term, they will be recapping and consolidating all learning this year by solving a variety of different problems. They will be particularly focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In English, we will be reading the book 'Wild'. Children will learn about character development, explore their emotional response to issues faced in the text, and consider the careful balance between nature and nurture. Then children will study the story 'Zeraffa Giraffa' which is based on a real event from the 1820s. They will explore important themes of courage, perseverance and compassion and develop their understanding of the story through a variety of teaching approaches. Finally, children will study the anthology 'Poems to Perform'. They will have the opportunity to listen to poems from this collection, expressing their interests and preferences. The children will explore the vivid imagery of the poems and will engage in expressive performances.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>The children will be learning about making music on a computer program and make links with their learning in Maths to present ideas using Purple Mash.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>In Science, we are starting to learn about feeding and exercise and what our body needs to remain healthy. The children will be able to describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. They will be able to describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival and will have considered what humans need to live. After half term, the children will be exploring how seeds and bulbs grown into mature plants and investigating what plants need to grow and stay healthy.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">P.E</p> <p>In PE, the children will be focusing on dodging, as well as attack and defense principles. The children will also be developing their ball skills, focusing on dribbling and passing with their feet. In dance, the children will be focusing on responding to a stimulus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music, the children will begin by focusing on the genre of rock and will compose their own songs in the style of rock. The children will then move onto the genre of reggae and will compose their own reggae songs using a variety of instruments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>Children will consider social and moral dilemmas that they come across in everyday life e.g., aggressive behavior, questions of fairness, right and wrong, simple political issues, use of money and simple environmental issues.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>In History, we are learning about the Titanic and the events that led to its sinking. The children will look at sources from the event and be able to answer their own historical questions. The children will be able to order the events chronologically on a timeline.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>In Geography, the children will be studying India and comparing its climate and culture to that of the UK. The children will be able to locate the country on a map and describe some of the physical and geographical features that can be found in India.</p>

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Our Design and technology all about preparing food. Children will classify and group food products understanding the need for a variety of foods in their diets. We will be learning to work safely and hygienically, chopping food, measuring and weigh food items, using mixing bowls to prepare a mixture and understand where food comes from.

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Spread the Word - The children will learn about the gift of Holy Spirit, which is celebrated at Pentecost, and how it strengthens Christians to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Rules - The children will learn how rules can help at home and in school and the reasons for rules in the Christian family.

Treasures - The children will explore the different things they treasure in life and learn that the world is God's treasure given to us and that it should be protected.