

English:

This term we will continue with our daily supported reading sessions, phonics lessons and we will also be working hard on our handwriting so that we form all our letters correctly. We will be reading lots of great story books, poems and nursery rhymes and then writing some of our own. We are looking forward to writing dinosaur fact reports and our own Pirate adventure story!

Maths: This term we will continue to strengthen our understanding of place value and improve the speed, accuracy and efficiency of our addition and subtraction. We will also be learning how to calculate totals to repeated addition of equal groups and to use the language of grouping and multiplication as well as sharing items and quantities into equal groups and using the language of sharing and division. We will start to learn about time and, through our topic work, we will discover more about position and direction. Please keep practising your counting (on and back) and practise your number bonds at home.

Science:

Our main science topic this term is **Animals (including humans)** and we have another unit on **Everyday Materials** to build on what we have learnt about materials in the autumn term. We will continue to be inquisitive and to work scientifically by observing animals in our locality and we will learn to name a range of different animals and begin to group them depending on their characteristics. Our topic about Pirates and the ocean will help us to learn all about life under the sea.

History/Geography

As both of our topics take us back in time, we will ask and answer questions about the past and learn about how historians and archaeologists find out about the past. Our visit to the Natural History Museum to look at fossils and dinosaur bones will be brilliant! We will use atlases to identify and name the continents and the oceans and when we make treasure maps, we will learn about giving directions. We will also learn the names of some physical features of coastal areas.

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First Half Term – Dinosaurs
Second Half Term – Pirates

PSHE: This term we will learn more about Rights and Responsibilities in class and become aware of what harms and helps our local environment. We will carry on building our learning power by understanding how we can be ready to learn and thinking about what makes a good learner. We will also think about caring for others and our possessions.

RE: Our two main themes in RE this term are **Belonging** and **Easter**. We will think about the different groups we belong to and then think about what belonging to our own religion means to us. We will look at different types of families and how they are special. As we approach Easter, we will think about what this means to Christians.

Art and DT:

In **Art** we will be experimenting with a range of mediums to sketch dinosaurs and their habitats. We will explore different line techniques and patterns. In **DT** we will be using a range of everyday materials to build our own pirate ship.

Music: This term we will be learning about **duration, beat and rhythm**. We will also be **changing and combining sounds**. This includes learning about dynamics (loud and quiet), musical symbols and descriptive music. We will be visiting a concert hall to see the London Symphony Orchestra. In singing we will focus on breathing and pitch.

PE:

In PE we will be exploring **functional movement** and developing our directional awareness through dance. We will also build on gymnastic skills such as bending, stretching and balancing.

Computing:

Our main computing topic is 'We are Collectors'. This topic will enable us to use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.