

Key dates

Most key dates can be found on our school newsletters and on the school website.

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – End of Autumn term

Monday 6th January – Inset training day (school closed)

Tuesday 7th January – Start of Spring term

English

We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills as well as moving on to phase 5 teaching of phonics. We will look at refining letter formation and writing a range of genres. Our key texts will be 'Send for a Superhero' by Michael Rosen and 'I Want my Hat Back' by Jon Klassen. We will be learning to write our own versions of a superhero story and a 'sequel' to I want my Hat Back.

Maths

We will be looking at place value within 20, shape and measuring weight and volume this half term. This will include both practical and written methods of maths. We will start by looking at 2D and 3D shapes, including looking at shapes in the environment, and then we will be learning how to measure the weight of objects and the capacity using actual objects to trial our predictions.

Autumn 2

What Makes a Hero?



Science

We will be looking at materials and their properties. This will involve what certain materials are made of and what makes them useful to our lives.

This will include an investigation into what makes the best material to keep a teddy or Santa dry!

History

We will be looking at famous people who have achieved greatness, including Nelson Mandela and Mary Seacole.

Music

We will listen to and appraise a range of styles of music, including Mars from the Planet Suite by Holst. We will also continue to learn about the different dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.) through games.

RE

We will look at the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas. We will also look at how and why people celebrate birthdays, including

- Recognising special times that are celebrated each year.
- Exploring how special occasions are celebrated.
- Learning about traditions, symbols and their meanings.
- Recognising the importance of the birth of Jesus to Christians.
- Understanding why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- Recognising similarities in religions.

Computing – Digital painting

We will develop our understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting.

We will then use these tools to create our own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

By the end of this unit of learning, the children will be asked to consider their preferences when painting (with and without the use of digital devices).



PSHE

We will look at 'Myself and My Relationships' with a specific focus on bullying where we will discuss how to recognise this and what to do about it.

We will also talk about the acronym STOP linked to bullying, meaning 'Several Times On Purpose' and how this is different to making a single wrong choice. This will involve Anti-Bullying week which is the W/B: 11th November.

Art and Design Technology

We will be making Christmas Cards using our skills from our computing topic of digital painting.

We will also be making Christingles using candles and oranges which will link to our RE for this half term.



PE

In PE this half term the children will be learning the basics of invasion games (games with 2 teams and 2 goals) and doing Gymnastics.

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**

Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days

Indoor PE

- White T-shirt or Red T-Shirt
 - Blue/Black Shorts
 - Bare feet

Outdoor PE (weather permitting)

- White T-shirt or Red T-Shirt
- Blue/Black shorts or Tracksuit bottoms
 - Tracksuit top
 - Trainers

