

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be using a range of different books linked to the theme of Family and Diversity, exploring how people from various cultures live, particularly focussing on characters who reflect the make up of our class.

We will focus on foundational skills such as:

- Verbs and nouns
- Writing simple sentences with capital letters and full stops
- Using coordinating conjunctions to extend sentences
- Using adjectives in description.

We will write for a range of purposes including writing recounts, letters and describing settings.

MATHEMATICS

As mathematicians, we will be focussing on place value in order to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1000. We will use concrete materials, pictures and abstract representations of number.

We will be making a big effort to learn and practise our times tables this year. This term we are recapping our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Make sure you use TT Rockstars to practise at home!

READING

As readers, we will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to practise key comprehension skills. We will expand our vocabulary by discussing new words we encounter and learning to use a dictionary to find their meaning. We will also be exploring how characters think and feel, developing our inference skills from pictures and texts. In our Read for Pleasure sessions, we will be discovering new authors and genres of book and recommending our top reads to one another!

Wet, wet, wet!

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P.E (Wednesday and Friday)

As tag rugby players, we will be practising our throwing and catching skills, learning to aim and control power. We will also be practising communication and team work and learning about the roles of attackers and defenders in a team context.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in a full PE kit: white t-shirt, black bottoms, trainers and a school jumper.

GEOGRAPHY

As geographers, we are going to focus on rivers and coasts. We will begin by learning about the water cycle and the different uses of water before looking in depth at the journey of a river. We will then find out about life on the coast and discuss some of the environmental challenges faced by our coasts at the moment.

SCIENCE

As scientists, we will be learning about plants. We will begin by recapping the parts of the plant and deepen our understanding of the role of each part. We will then go on to study the life cycle of a plant, water transportation within plants and how different plants adapt to their habitats.

We will be carrying out our own investigations about the roles of different elements needed for a plant to be healthy, learning to plan and carry out fair tests and record and present our results.

ART

As artists, we will be learning about Georgia O'Keeffe, one of the most influential American artists of the 20th Century. We will particularly focus our study on her abstract paintings of flowers and use our own observations and creativity to create our own abstract flower art.

WIDER CURRICULUM

29/09 - Joint year 3 & 4 trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre.

At the end of September, we will be marking European Languages day.

In October, we will be celebrating Black History Month through our curriculum.

With thanks, Mrs Cook (class teacher)