

English

Children will be learning to write sentences in a fun and creative way. They will use exciting books linked to our history topic to inspire their writing and practise including a subject (who or what the sentence is about), a verb (the action), and an object (who or what the action is done to).

Books we will be reading:

- Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris
- The Castle the King Built by Rebecca Colby
- The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight by Helen Docherty

Children will be learning to write in different genres. They will practise writing postcards, letters, and setting descriptions, focusing on the features of each type of writing. Children will use their imagination and creativity to make their writing engaging, while also organising their ideas clearly and using correct punctuation and sentence structure.

Books we will be using to inspire their writing:

- Dragon Post by Emily Yarlett
- Hansel and Gretel by Josephine Collins
- Books in the Big Dreams series, e.g., Florence Nightingale and Rosalind Franklin

Handwriting and Writing Skills

Children will practise forming their letters correctly, leaving finger spaces between words, and punctuating their work with capital letters and full stops, with some children will also begin to use exclamation marks and question marks. They will continue to learn and spell the Year 1 Common Exception Words.

History

Kings, Queens and Castles

Children will be learning about kings and queens of England.

They will find out about some famous monarchs from the past and present and learn why castles were built. Children will explore the main features of a castle and what they were used for, and look at where kings and queens lived through time.

Hospitals and Healthcare

Children will be learning about hospitals and healthcare in the past and present. They will explore how hospitals and healthcare have changed over time and learn about important people such as Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell.

Geography

Our Local Park

Children will be learning about their local park. They will explore different areas of the park, make observations, and collect information about how people use and enjoy it. Children will use their findings to answer questions and share what they have discovered.

Science

Materials

Children will explore a range of common materials and identify what different objects are made from, helping them understand the difference between an object and the material it is made from. Children will sort and group materials by their properties, such as whether they are hard or soft, shiny or dull, and waterproof or absorbent. They will also look for patterns in how different materials behave.

Seasons

Children will learn about the four seasons by exploring autumn in school and the local area. They'll observe the weather, notice how the days get shorter, and compare winter to summer and winter.

Castles, Kings and Creative Adventures.

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Art

Monochromatic

Children will be learning about drawing. They will practise using pencils to create lines, shapes, and shading, and begin to develop their drawing skills. Children will also explore the work of different artists and think about the many ways drawings can be used.

RE

Sikhism

Children will learn about the basic teachings of Sikhism, including important celebrations, symbols and places of worship.

Christianity

Children will learn about the Easter story, including the events of Holy Week and how Christians celebrate Easter.

Maths

Place value

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with zero or 1, or from any given number.
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.
- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Given a number, identify 1 more and 1 less.

Addition and subtraction

- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.
- Add and subtract 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 20, including zero.
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

Length, height, mass and volume

- Compare, describe and solve practical problems for: lengths and heights; mass/weight; capacity and volume.
- Measure and begin to record the following: lengths and heights; mass/weights; capacity and volume.

Computing

Digital foundations

Children will explore the parts of computers, use a mouse, trackpad, and keyboard, navigate simple programs, and create, save, and open digital work. Children will also begin to learn about online safety, including keeping personal information safe and using passwords responsibly.

Digital Painting

Children will explore using different brushes, colours, shapes, and tools to create pictures on a computer. Children will practise these skills through a range of activities and will finish the unit by creating a digital self-portrait.

Music

Charanga

Children will explore music through playing tuned and untuned instruments, experimenting with percussion, and using their voices as instruments.

PE

- Sending and receiving.
- Gymnastics.
- Invasion Games.
- Dance.

RSHE

- Healthy Me
- Relationships