

English

We will start off this half term by learning the stories behind Remembrance Day, Diwali and Bonfire night. We will then carry on with autumnal stories to support our topic.

We will be furthering our understanding of non-fiction texts by writing labels, and captions that match our topic work.

We will finish this half term looking more carefully at the Christmas story.

Autumn 2

November and
December 2024

Please remember to hear your child read as often as possible - at **least 4 times a week and to record this in their reading diary.**

Music In music this term we will be looking at celebration music to feature: Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas.

Maths

Children in Reception will be furthering their counting and ordering skills and also working to better understand the number system through calculations. They will also work on length, 3D shapes and money.

Year 1 children will be working on their understanding of numbers through doubling, odd/even numbers, number bonds etc. They will also work on calculation, shape and gathering/presenting data.

Class 1

Mrs Pratley and Ms
Munro.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Ellis



Science

In science lessons we will be looking at the changes that happen around us throughout the season of autumn. We will look at how plants and animals adapt to the changes and get ready for the cold winter months. We will identify different leaves using a classification key while looking at the structure of plants. We will also discuss seasonal changes such as changes in temperature, daylight and weather as we move towards winter.

**PE is on a Wednesday
and a Friday. Look out
for information about
forest school sessions
on Tapestry.**

PE

Outside games lessons on a Wednesday (for as long as the weather allows- please supply long trousers and a hoody!) will focus on a wide variety of gross motor skills such as throwing, catching and kicking. The children will also be completing indoor PE on a Friday where we will look at how we can move our bodies and travel in different ways.

Topic

Our topic is all about 'Autumn and Festivals'. We will look in details at Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day as these dates occur. We will look at the stories behind these festivals and the important people who feature in them. We will use role-play, craft work and technology to help us to learn. We will also be looking carefully at the changes that happen to our beautiful countryside during the autumn.

Phonics with some handwriting is taught daily from Monday to Thursday 9.00am until 9.30am for Year R and Year 1. Additional spelling patterns, punctuation and grammar exercises (SPaG) will be taught on a Friday morning for Year 1.

RE

In our RE lessons we will be answering the question: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

Computing/ ICT

We will be using the computers, and iPads to find out information and play games to further our learning. We will be looking at online safety.

Year 1 will work on Purple Mash to group and sort data, then they will work on pictograms.

Year R will be taking photographs and using the iPads to help their letter formation

Art/Design

Children will learn about the work of the artist Georgia O'Keefe. They will then produce some work in her style. We will also be using our DT skills to plan and produce a sewing project before Christmas.