

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new year of learning, discovery and new challenges. We are looking forward to working together with you and your children to make this a happy, successful and memorable year.

English

In English, we will be reading *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker, discovering the inspiring story of Katherine Johnson and her role in the Space Race. Through the text, children will develop their reading, vocabulary and grammar skills, exploring features such as prepositions, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. Children will use these skills across a range of purposeful writing opportunities, including character descriptions, a dilemma diary entry and an informative fact file about Katherine Johnson. They will also develop their ability to plan, write, evaluate and edit their work, with appropriate expectations and challenges.

PE

Our topics this term are 'Functional fitness' and 'Multi skills'

P.S.H.E

This term, children will explore what it means to be a positive member of our class and school community. They will learn about rights and responsibilities, democracy, rewards and consequences, and consider how their actions can affect themselves and others.

Topic

This term, children will discover how the Georgians changed Britain, exploring the impact of war, the growth of towns and cities, changes in farming, improvements in transport and trade, and how power gradually shifted from the monarch towards Parliament. They will investigate how these changes affected different groups of people and consider both the achievements and injustices of the Georgian period. Throughout the topic, children will develop their skills as historians by exploring pictures, paintings, maps and written sources, placing key events and changes in chronological order, comparing different viewpoints and using historical evidence to explain how and why Britain changed.



Computing

This term, we will be looking at "Spreadsheets".

Art

This term, children will explore the enquiry question: "How can we create a sense of space and atmosphere using gestural mark making and collage?" Inspired by Henry Moore's *Pit Notebooks*, children will experiment with charcoal, light and dark, tone and different types of mark making to create atmosphere.

Science

This term, our topic is Animals Including Humans. Children will begin by exploring the different types of food that animals and humans eat, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will investigate why humans need a balanced and varied diet, looking at different food groups and how food and water provide what our organs, muscles and blood need to work effectively. Children will then explore the human skeleton, discovering how our bones help us to move and comparing animals with and without skeletons.

Maths

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RE

Our topic this term is "What is it like for someone to follow God?"

Music

This term we are looking at "The doot doot song."