

English

Our Beloved Book this term is *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. Ivan, the protagonist, lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjick, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him! The children will be capturing his difficult journey by writing about the dangerous setting and describing his thoughts along the way.

Science

We will be learning about forces and magnets this term and it is always a favourite with the children - they find magnets fascinating! The children will be undertaking lots of investigations to observe and Compare how things move on different surfaces. They will notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They'll observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials easily but not others.

Mathematics

We will be developing the four rules: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these skills to solve a wide range of problems. In addition, we will be developing our mathematical skills through many of our foundation subjects. We'll honing our measuring skills through our scientific investigations, developing our statistical analysis skills through our PSHE programme and applying our knowledge of shape for our DT project.

Our Termly Value

Our value this term is Peace. Fear, hatred and anger decreases the peace in the world, whereas our love, joy and gratitude increases the peace. We will be teaching the children that when you feel at peace with yourself, you are content to be the person you are.



History

History is the main focus this term so we will be learning all about Changes in Britain between Stone Age and Iron Age. We'll then go on to explore the effect that The Roman Empire invasion had when they took charge and the evidence that is still present in today's life.

Key facts to be learnt at home

- * Tolerance, understanding and respect of different cultures is essential
- **CE stands Common Era (aka AD) BCE stands for Before Common Era (aka BC)
- *** Order of time periods: Old Stone Age, New Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman Britain.
- **** To know what everyday lives of ancient Britains looked like: food, housing etc.

WOW Day Friday 13th November

The children are invited to come to school dressed as Romans for the day and will be entering a 'portal' to go back in time and find out all about life as a Roman. The children will explore how life was dramatically changed by the arrival of the Roman legions and how their impact is still felt and seen today in our everyday lives.

Design Technology

This term we will be designing, making and evaluating different shell structures and creating our own Christmas gift boxes - the children will bring these home and decide which family member is the lucky one who received their gift box this Christmas.

Art

In our first art unit, we will be developing the children's painting skills mixing different tints and tones to create our own artwork in response to the work of Sean Scully and Van Gough.

PHSE

Term 2's Jigsaw unit is called *Celebrating Difference*, Linked to our History work exploring the changes in Britain before and after The Roman invasion we will be exploring the question *Is immigration a good thing?* Asking what positives can come from people immigrating?

Music

Charanga's next unit introduces the Children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel which we hope the children will love! In addition, of course, the children will be part of our KS2 choir for the Christmas

R.E and World Views

Our exploratory question this term is *Why is the bible so important for Christians today?* We will also be looking at religions

PE

Our Swift Sports Coaching team will again be taking the children when we have our PPA time and this term they are following a dance unit called *explorers*. **REMEMBER the 2 changes of PE Kit days Thursday 5th November and Thursday 3rd December**

French

This term our new unit is called *Qu'est-ce que la Culture?* We will be getting the children to look at the similarities and differences of social conventions between different cultures at Christmas time between France and England.