

Creative (Art, DT, Music)

Art and Design

Vincent Van Gough is the artist that your child will study this half term. They will primarily focus their study on the painting 'Seascape at Saintes-Maries'. While learning out Van Gough and his painting style, your child will explore colour, shape, line and technique. They will then replicate this painting using a range of skills, such as sketch, paint, collage and malleable material.

Music

In music, your child will be singing and playing musical instruments while focusing on pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will explore how these three aspects of music join together to create a song.

PE

Across the term, your child will be taking part in PE lessons taught by a sports coach from Sedgefield Sports Partnership. They will be developing and perfecting their fundamental movement skills. This includes running, jumping, balance, agility, throwing and catching.

Computing

Programming

Your child will be programming algorithms using Beetbots and remote control cars using precise and unambiguous instructions. Your child will also begin to debug programmes using apps on the iPads.

Digital Literacy

Your child will be looking at how to stay safe on the internet, especially when using tablets. They will be using their knowledge and understanding to know what to do if something makes them scared or upset.

Websites

Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>
Sounds-Write - <https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>
Stories and rhymes - <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk>

Humanities (History, Geography)

History

Your child will learn about the great explorer 'Captain James Cook' and the adventures he went on. They will find out how this local significant man has impacted on our lives today. Following on from this, your child will learn about the sinking of the Titanic. They will use a range of sources to learn about this memorable event.

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Books/resources/films/music/visits/visitors/role play etc

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Chinese new year

Valentines Day

British Heart Foundation

English

This term, your child will be writing to entertain and inform through writing poetry, descriptions, stories and information texts. Within these texts, your child will apply their knowledge and understanding of grammatical features.

Basic Skills

Your child will be exploring the use of apostrophes for contraction, for example when writing 'I'm' and 'can't'. They will also look at the subordinating conjunctions when, if, that and because to add further detail to sentences.

Reading

We will be reading adventure stories during shared reading sessions. These will support the children's own narratives during English lessons. During comprehension lessons, your child will use their reading skills to answer questions about age appropriate texts.

Related UNCRC Articles

Article 29 Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Science

Working Scientifically

In science, your child will be working scientifically to investigate floating and sinking. Through the topic of adventures, they will make predictions about which material and shape boat is best to go on an adventure across an ocean. They will then design and carry out their investigations to see if they made accurate predictions. Once their investigations are complete, they will record their findings using charts and graphs.

RE

Our Christian Value this term is 'thankfulness'. This term, your child will be exploring the answer to 'What does it mean to belong in Christianity?'. Through visiting St Paul's church children will be introduced to ceremonies of commitment and belonging, including baptism, and will explore the special words, actions and objects used. They will have the opportunity to reflect on who they belong to and how they show this.

Maths

Mental

We will be developing fluency in counting forwards and backwards from zero to any given number. Your child will be doubling and halving numbers and counting in 10s and 5s. They will also complete mental addition and subtraction using known number facts.

Main

This term, your child will be starting to learn about fractions of shapes. They will find half, quarter and third of the whole shape. They will use mathematical vocabulary to describe equal parts of the whole.

Your child will then move on to learning to describe time. This will include days of the week and months of the year. Using a clock face, your child will tell the time to the hour, half past the hour and quarter to and past the hour.