

English

A River – This book will support the children to develop their comprehension, vocabulary, and sentence skills. They will discuss and reflect on the story and complete writing tasks, including a circular narrative and a recount letter, using new words and grammar.

The Night Gardener – As we read, we'll explore new vocabulary, discuss the characters and events, and practice understanding the story's structure. We'll also write our own spooky tales and letters, using the new words and sentence skills we've learned.

Science

This term we are starting with a fabulous topic: habitats! We will be learning the names of various habitats, and what organisms need from their habitats to support them. We will also be exploring simple food chains. After half term, we are focusing on humans; how they develop and change over their lives, and how they keep healthy!

Music

Our first unit is called 'Exploring Simple Patterns', during which we will experience how singing and playing together helps us to be friends! After half term we focusing on dynamics and tempo, and finding out what music teaches us about the past!

Art

Explore and Draw – We will be experimenting with and combining materials and processes to design and make 3D form. We will identify what a sculpture is and the materials they can be made from. We will also compare and contrast a number of sculptures. Finally, we will evaluate the product we have made and the process we have used.

Design Technology

Structures – We will explore how to design and build stable structures by making a chair for Baby Bear. We will investigate ways to make structures stronger, stiffer, and more stable, use simple joining techniques, and test our designs against design criteria. We will also evaluate our finished chairs and suggest improvements.

Religious Education

Branch 1 - We will learn about *Creation and Covenant*. We will explore God's creation, the story of Noah, and the Ten Commandments. We will also think about God's promise, or covenant, with people, and how we can care for others and the world around us.

Branch 2 - We will learn about *Prophecy and Promise*. We will explore the Annunciation, when Mary said 'yes' to God, and the Nativity story, including Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and the visit of the shepherds. We will reflect on the love God showed through Jesus and connect these stories to Advent traditions.

PSHE/RSE

Growing Up – We will be learning that people's bodies and feelings can be hurt and what kind of physical contact is acceptable, comfortable, unacceptable and uncomfortable and how to respond.

Year 2 Autumn Term



Curriculum Enhancements

November – Y2 visit to the Planetarium
December – Whole school visit to the cinema

You can help at home by...

Listen to your child read every day if possible, even if it is only for 5 minutes. Encourage them to segment (break up) words into their sound parts and then blend them (push them back together) to read the whole word.

Computing

Online Buddies – We will be giving examples of how technology is used to communicate beyond school and discussing online bullying behaviour. We will learn about the impact it may have and where to go for support.

Commands to carry out specific tasks and creating a simple repeat loop.

Maths

Numbers to 100 – This unit focuses on reading and understanding numbers to 100. We will use our growing understanding of place value to help us sort, compare and order numbers. Children will revise their understanding of different representations of numbers and also meet other representations for the first time. They will use these representations to show a number's '10s' and '1s' and use this to help them compare and order. Children will use part-whole models and place value grids to show their partitioning of numbers and use these to support their reasoning when comparing and ordering.

Addition and Subtraction - In this unit, children will build upon the number bonds to 10. Children are introduced to writing fact families of equations, and to relating addition and subtraction operations. As a result, children learn to use the inverse of one operation to check calculations using the other operation.

P.E.

Ball Skills - In this unit we will be learning ball skills. We will practice throwing, catching, kicking, and controlling a ball, and work on improving our coordination, accuracy, and teamwork through fun games and activities.

Team Building/Fundamentals – Children develop their communication and problem-solving skills. They work individually, in pairs and in small groups. Throughout, there is an emphasis on teamwork. They learn to discuss, plan and reflect on ideas and strategies. They lead a partner whilst considering safety. Children will have the opportunity to show honesty and fair play.

History

The Race for Space – We will learn about how The Space Race was a competition of space exploration between the Russia and the United States, which lasted from 1957 to 1969. We will discuss the efforts to explore outer space with artificial satellites, to send humans into space, and to land them on the Moon.

Geography

Contrasting Locality: Mugurameno, a Zambian village – The children will explore the geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in a contrasting non-European country.