

English

Within reading lessons, we will be focusing on a range of comprehension skills such as inferring characters' thoughts and feelings, retrieving information from the text, exploring new vocabulary and how to understand words we have never met before. We will use Nizrana Farook's "The Girl Who Stole an Elephant", which focuses on the themes of friendship, loyalty and morality as the characters navigate a challenging adventure to escape danger and right and wrong.

In writing lessons, pupils will be exploring a range of genres through both texts and short films. We will be focusing on developing sentence structure and the use of a variety of punctuation, whilst also considering the impact of our word choice on the reader. This half term, pupils will experience writing a mixture of fiction and non-fiction in the form of narratives, persuasive speech and balanced arguments.

[Edshed.com](https://www.edshed.com/)

[Spag.com](https://www.spag.com/)

French

Through the medium of this familiar and very popular event, pupils will be taught the skills to understand slightly longer and more complicated text in French. They will learn to 'gist' read, listen and understand more by using cognates and more familiar language to decode unknown language. Pupils will learn 10 Olympic sports as well as the 1st and 3rd person conjugations of the verb 'faire' in order to express which sports they do and do not do. They will also look at gendered nouns and the changes required when describing the Olympians in the unit.

History

In this history unit we will investigate what a census can tell us about the past. Within this, we will be looking at the lives of Victorian children, who worked in factories, and how we can track them over time through census records. We will discuss the reliability of census records, thinking about their downfalls when they were handwritten.

[Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk/)

Maths

In Autumn 2, pupils will continue to follow White Rose Maths. Upper Key Stage Two will consolidate the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as focusing on shape and measurement. We are adopting a mastery approach to teaching and learning in maths which allows children to participate in problem solving and reasoning each lesson. The children will be able to use concrete materials in their lessons to support their learning.

<https://doodlelearning.com/>

Computing

We turn away from Information Technology and focus on a Computer Science based topic this term which revolves around video games.

Children will learn more about the fantastic world of gaming, with their learning incorporating designing and making their own 3D maze adventure game using the 2DIY3D tool. Afterwards, they will assess the effectiveness of their own and other's creations.

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RE

Continuing our exploration of Emma Yarlett's artwork 'The Big Frieze', we will analyse the 'Incarnation' section which focuses on whether Jesus the Messiah or not. Children will learn more about the life of Jesus and how he relates to Christmas.

Music

In music this term, children will be introduced to Blues music. They will be able to identify the key features of the Blues, and explore the C chord which is closely related to Blues music. They will improvise with notes from the Blues scale.

PE

In PE this half term children will explore their gymnastics skills. This will challenge pupils' creativity as they use and apply their understanding of the different themes and concepts they have learnt through out KS2. Children will also explore their skills in netball. The focus of the learning is to consolidate pupils' understanding and application of their attacking skills. Pupils will consolidate their attacking skills to effectively pass and move, to progress the ball forwards and create successful shooting opportunities.

PSHE

In PSHE our topic this half term is Health and Well Being. We will be focusing on setting goals for ourselves, learning how to support our mental well-being and leading an active, healthy lifestyle, through the use of scenarios and stories.

Art

In this unit, children will explore creative photographic techniques, creating new images through photomontage, understanding photorealistic self-portraits, and applying digital photography to art design, enhancing their skills in composition and editing.

Science

In science, the children will be completing a unit on Electricity. They will learn how to: associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit; they learn how to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches; and finally, they use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.