

English

Our focus text is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C S Lewis. We will use the descriptions in this and other texts, as well as pictures, to help us create a detailed and evocative description of a forest setting.

Later in the term we will be producing an explanation text on the water cycle. We will continue to have two reading lessons each week as well as a weekly grammar lesson, spelling test and handwriting practice.

Maths

This term we will continue to revise and build on topics we have covered previously, including:

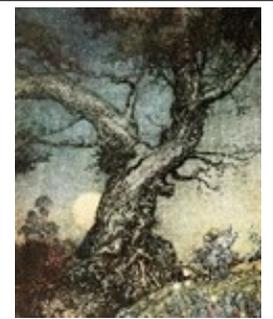
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions and percentages
- Products, factors and multiples
- Word problems
- Shape, data handling and coordinates

Science

Our science topic is **light**. We will learn that light travels in straight lines and how it can be reflected off surfaces to reach places not in a direct line with the source. Using torches, we will explore the size and shape of shadows and what can affect this. As an extension, we will also explore how light creates and changes colours using a variety of resources including prisms and coloured cellophane. We will make a periscope to illustrate how light can be directed.



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Topic

Our topic work will be based around 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'light'.

In history we will find out more about the author C S Lewis, his birth and family background and how he came to write The Chronicles of Narnia.

In geography we will look at the features of Ireland which inspired various key locations in the Narnia books of C S Lewis. We will use a map of Narnia to place locations at given co-ordinates and also place key events on the map using a legend or key.

In art we will be looking at the work of Arthur Rackham, a noted illustrator of fairy tales. We will focus on the use of light and shade in his forest drawings as well as his chosen media. This will be enriched by a visit to the House of Illustration in Kings Cross for a targeted session around this artist and illustrator.

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How does light travel?

Enrichment: House of Illustration

PE: Gymnastics—counter balance/counter tension

Wednesday: Grasshopper and Hellebore

Friday: Emerald

Homework: to be handed in every Tuesday

Suggested books to read

The Magician's Nephew by C S Lewis

Elidor by Alan Garner

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper

Science in a flash: Light by Georgia Amson-Bradshaw

Moving up with Science: Light by Peter Riley

RE

This term we will be studying Buddhism. We will look at the key aspects of Buddhism and find out how they link to other faiths then focus on finding out about the Sangha and its part in this faith.

PSHE

We will begin by looking at ways to resolve friendship issues then move on to thinking about the effects that alcohol and smoking have on our bodies and how we can stay healthy.

French

This term we will be looking at and revising words related to parts of the body and using these in sentences.

Suggested places to visit

Narnia exhibition at Dorchester Abbey 11/1/20 – 18/3/20 see <https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/narnia-2/> (Family tickets £5)

Epping Forest Essex IG10 4AF

Highgate Wood London N10 3J

Science Museum Exhibition Road South Kensington London SW7 2DD

Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.cslewis.com/us/about-cs-lewis/>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/lightdark.html>