

English

This half term, we will be reading the story 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch. All our writing will be based on it and we will be completing three different longer pieces of writing. We will discuss how the main character is feeling and use role play to help us understand the story better and remember the main events that we will retell in our first piece of writing.

Our second piece of writing will be a diary entry from the princess' point of view about what happened to her. We will then also write a letter to the princess where we give our opinions on what happened to her. Throughout our writing we will work on including the character's thoughts and feelings and of course use our phonics, capital letters as well as full stops.

Maths

In maths, children will be learning about measurement. We will be looking at measuring mass and weight as well as volume and capacity. This will involve reading scales, comparing weights and volumes as well as solving basic problems around measure. We will also recap counting in 2s, 5s and 10 as well as our number bonds to 20 and towards the end of summer 1 the children will also be moving on to making equal groups and adding equal groups which will form the foundations of multiplication and division. We will make arrays and recap our doubles to 10.

Science

This half term we are continuing to investigate 'animals'. We will start by naming the five senses and perform simple tests to find out more about them and learn which part of the body is associated with each sense. We will be learning about why different animals live in different habitats. We will describe how an animal is best suited to its environment and why different animals have different habitats. (for example, sharp claws for hunting or for camouflage.) Each child will complete a mid-term quiz and a final test at the end of the term to reinforce what they have learnt.



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History

This half term we will learn about explorers and focus on Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will identify what an explorer is and what did Christopher Columbus discover. We will understand what Neil Armstrong is famous for and compare and contrast the similarities and differences between these two very different explorers.

Geography

This half term we will learn about everything to do with London. We will identify the River Thames, parks, lots of buildings, roads and train stations in London. We will explore the many different ways we can travel around London and explain why there are so many physical features in London.

Art/DT

This half term for Art we will be investigating sculpture and 3D paper play. The children will be creating three dimensional shapes using familiar materials. Children will learn to fold, roll and scrunch materials to make their own sculptures.

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PE Day: Fridays

Homework: Sent on Friday, due back in on Tuesday
Book changing: See your child's reading diary for their reading day.

Trip: Lady Diana Memorial park 28/04/23

Music

In music children will be playing and maintaining a steady beat, sequencing sounds, feel the beat by learning dance steps to La Morisque and learn a song about the Royal Family.

Computing

In Computing, the children will get to know what a Bee-Bot is. They will create a demonstration video, plan and follow a precise set of instructions and create a program that tells a story.

RE

In RE this half term, we are learning about Sikhism. We will find out about Guru Nanak and who was he and why he is special to Sikhs.

PSHE

In PSHE, we are learning about safety and the changing body. We will be learning how to respond to adults both in a safe and familiar context and we will look at what you need to do when you are lost, how to make a call in an emergency and begin to understand between acceptable and unacceptable physical contact.

Suggested places to visit

Buckingham Palace · Windsor Castle · Kensington Palace, London
· Westminster Abbey, London · Hampton Court Palace, Surrey

Suggested books to read

The Paper Bag Princess—Robert Munsch
Princess Hyacinth—Florence Parry Heide
The Queen's Knickers—Nicholas Allen
Paddington at the Palace—Michael Bond