

# Autumn Term 2024

## English

We will be focusing on key grammatical skills to support our sentence writing. We will be using the book 'The Lonely Beast' to develop our writing skills. We will mainly focus on recounting stories in different ways. We will be learning about ways to improve our writing, especially using conjunctions to develop our ideas. After half term we will be looking at the book 'The Princess and the White Bear King'. We will continue to write for different purposes and begin to explore non-fiction writing. For the first term there will also be a daily phonics lesson.

## Science

Children will explore the differences between things that are living and things that have never been alive. We will investigate what living organisms need to stay alive and healthy. We will conduct experiments with an emphasis on how to carry out an experiment fairly. Our second topic will be exploring materials and their properties.

## History/Geography

During Autumn 1 we will be learning about our seasons. We will explore how weather changes in patterns throughout the year and develop our mapping skills.

In History we will learn about the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London and how they have shaped life today.

## Mathematics

We will be focusing on the children's understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Each day we have a fluency focus to practice everyday maths skills.

Children will also use Sumdog to support their learning—logins will be sent home too.

## Homework

Monday: Spellings Due in Friday

Tuesday: Reading Comprehension Due in on Thursday

Wednesday: Punctuation and Grammar Due in on Friday

Thursday: Maths Due in Monday

Friday: Little Wandle book handed out Due back Tuesday  
Writing task/Topic - Due in Monday

Reading should be done daily and reading folders should be in school every Monday for book change. Library books will be changed on Wednesday.

## Art/DT

We will be developing our drawing and painting skills as well as our designing and making skills. In DT we will be exploring Freestanding Structures.

## RE

In Autumn 1 we will be exploring our theme of Creation and covenant. In Autumn 2 we will be exploring our topic of Prophecy and Promise. We will also be preparing for our KS1 Nativity play.

## Music

We will be developing our music skills through the exploration of simple, rhythmic patterns as well as listening to and appreciating different musical genres.

## Physical Education

We will be developing our fitness skills. We will invent our own games. Outdoor games with Mr Mazzone—Wednesday Tuesday pm fitness skills (outdoor where possible)  
Children to come to school in PE kit ONLY on these days. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn in colder weather.

## Computing

This term we will be looking at 'Computing systems and networks' and 'Creating media' (with a focus on digital photography). We will be developing further our keyboard skills using a range of applications, and looking at the importance of being smart and keeping safe when online. applications, and looking at the importance of being smart and keeping safe when online.

## PSHE & RHE

We will be discussing our feelings and relationships with others, at home, at school and in the community. In our PSHE lessons we will explore how we belong to a community, identifying similarities and differences between us. In Autumn 2 we will explore how God created us individually, look at ways we can give thanks to God and explore British Values through the Rule of Law. We will discuss the core 'Value of the month'.  
September: Belonging; October: Friendship; November: Freedom; December: Peace



Web-sites that you may like to explore with your child to fit in with the topics they will be studying.

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing-](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing-) for typing practice
- [www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)- for lots of Maths games.
- <http://www.ictgames.com/lwc.html>—for spelling practice.
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy2.htm>

Apps for maths:

Sundog  
Numbots

Apps for spelling practice:

Spelling shed—children have their own logins—will be set as homework.

# Year 2

Information  
for  
Parents

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