

Advent Term Curriculum Overview



English

In English the children will be looking at a variety of different genres, which will include finishing their non-chronological reports on lions, creating some poetry and writing their own newspaper reports.

The poetry will have a main focus based around a poem called 'Autumn Is Here.' We will look at poetic techniques such as alliteration, metaphors and personification.

We will base our newspaper reports on a Plastic Pollution Film, which is all about how we can do our bit for our wonderful planet. The children will be identifying key features such as the headline, captions and creating paragraphs.

Topic

Our next topic is the History of Stamford. In geography we will be using maps to locate Stamford and find out more about its origin.

In history we will be finding out all about the history of Stamford and discovering what has changed today! We will make those comparisons by researching on the computer and also going down into the town to make some discoveries of our own.

During computing, we will continue to learn how to create a PowerPoint. Throughout the term, we will be looking at improving our basic computer skills, by finding pictures and inserting videos, to create interesting PowerPoints. By the end of term, we will have created PowerPoints all about Stamford's History.

In art, we are going to practise a variety of sketching techniques and create some beautiful drawings of some historical places in Stamford. Stamford is also known for its fabulous pottery, so the children will have a chance at making their own clay pots too!

In PSHE, we will continue to have a strong focus based around the 5 ways to wellbeing (connecting with others, keep learning, being active, noticing more, and giving.) We are creating some lovely wellbeing journals, which will also give the children a chance to do a weekly reflection.

Year 3/4 - Lions

Science

In science this term, we will be looking predators, with a particular focus on being able to:

- ✚ identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food
- ✚ Understand that animals get nutrition from what they eat.
- ✚ Investigate food chains and food webs.
- ✚ Understanding new terms such as producer, primary consumer, secondary consumer and tertiary consumer.

PE

This term P.E lessons will be focused on netball, where we will be looking at skills such as passing and shooting with accuracy.

We will also look into team-based games, to work on communication and tactics.

Please ensure children have a full P.E. kit, including warm outdoor clothes.

Maths

This term's emphasis will be based on the children's understanding of multiplication and division. We will focus on objectives such as:

- ✚ Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables (year 3).
- ✚ Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 (year 4)
- ✚ Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods.
- ✚ Multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers.

RE

During Advent, we will be looking at the Come and See topics Gift and Community.

Throughout these topics we will be discussing and reflecting the ideas of our two big questions. The big question for the Gift topic is What's so special about gifts? The big question for the Community topic is What makes community? Using biblical scriptures, prayers, psalms and hymns, we will discuss and make links back to our big questions throughout the Advent term.

Homework

- ✓ Please listen to your child read as much as possible, we would expect our children to read to an adult every day. Evidence of the children reading to an adult, must be recorded in their diaries.
- ✓ Please support your child learning their weekly spellings.
- ✓ An English and maths task will be given out as homework every Friday, this will be due on Thursday's.
- ✓ All children should be accessing Times Table Rock Stars, where they can practise their times tables in a fun way on a computer or tablet. If your child does not know their TTRS login details, then don't hesitate to contact Miss Smith.