

What Are We Learning At The Firs This Term?



Literacy

We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills largely through Read, Write, Inc. In our Writing Workshop on a Monday we will be looking at different stories, focussing on retelling the story through role play and sequencing. We will experience different types of writing such as lists, poems, letters and stories.

We will be learning to...

Identify the 44 phonemes (sounds) and their related graphemes (letters) in RWI

Re-read RWI books at home and at school to build fluency and confidence

Predict what might happen next in a story

Hold a pencil comfortably and correctly

Say out loud what we are going to write

Leave finger spaces between words

Use capital letters and full stops

Spell words using the sounds we have learned

Try and use 'wow words' (adjectives and adverbs) to make our sentences more interesting



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Numeracy

We will be developing our understanding of numbers up to 100, consolidating and deepening our addition and subtraction concepts, measuring length, capacity and weight. We will be looking at telling the time, using the number square and money.

We will be learning to...

Count fluently forwards and backwards to and over 100

Read and write numbers 1-20 in digits and words

Develop our skills of adding and taking away

Explore money, measuring length and solving simple problems

Identify a range of 2D and 3D shapes



Science

We will explore animals (including humans):

Identifying and naming common animals

Animal groups

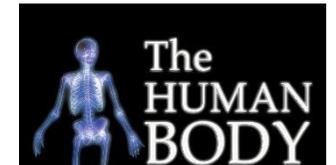
Name and label basic parts of animals

We will be learning to...

Identify and name a variety of common animals

Identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body



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In Geography we will be learning about where we live in relation to the United Kingdom. We will be learning about our local area and the human and physical features within our area. We will be looking at creating a leaflet about the 4 countries and the landmarks they have.

We will be learning to...

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom
Use maps to locate the four countries and capital cities of UK and its surrounding seas
Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to Key human features

What else can I do at home?

Read every day
Practice spellings and sounds
Practice number bonds to 10,20 and 100.
Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
Look for shapes in the environment
Play shops at home and talk about and count out money
Talk about animals and animal groups.

In Computing we will learn basic skills such as mouse control, keyboard skills and develop our draw, fill, and shape techniques and design pictures.

We will be learning to...

Show an awareness of the range of devices and tools they encounter in everyday life

Use a range of simple tools in a paint package / image manipulation software to create / modify a picture.

Work with support, to use a word processor, to communicate an idea or story, incorporating pictures.

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In Design Technology we will be exploring different types of masks from around the world and looking at the materials, decoration and purposes of each mask.

We will be learning to...

Draw on their own experience to help generate ideas.
Suggest ideas and explain what they are going to do.
Model their ideas in card and paper.
Develop their design ideas applying findings from their earlier research.
With help measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials.
Use tools e.g. scissors and a hole punch safely.
Assemble, join and combine materials and components together using a variety of temporary methods e.g. glues or masking tape.

In History we will learn about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about when and where it happened, why and how the fire started and learning about significant people involved.

We will be learning to...

Knowing words connected with the passing of time.
Understand the changes within living memory
learn events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally

In Art we will be looking at The Natural world. We will be also looking at Henri Matisse and Giuseppe and how we can create work inspired by their artwork.

We will be learning to...

use scissors
tear paper
creating collage
observational drawings
folding paper
painting

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In PE we will develop coordination by skipping and ball skills.

We will be learning to...

master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching,

participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending

perform dances using simple movement patterns.

In PSHE, we will be looking at how to describe your feelings, how people may feel differently about the same situation, identify how different emotions look and feel in the body and how to manage them.

We will also talk about people who look after them and know when to ask for help.

We will be talking about change and loss. (for example, a lost toy, when a pet dies, moving home or school) and recognise what they can do to help themselves or someone else who may be feeling unhappy.

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In Music we will experience and learn how to apply key musical concepts/elements, e.g. finding a pulse, clapping a rhythm, use of pitch. We will work together in a band/ensemble and we will learn to develop creativity through improvising and composing within the song.

We will be learning to...

To know and recognise the sound and names of some of the instruments they use.

To know that music has a steady pulse, like a heartbeat.

To understand that when someone improvises, they make up their own tune that has never been heard before. It is not written down and belongs to them.

To understand that everyone can improvise!

To understand that composing is like writing a story with music.

To understand that everyone can compose

To understand that performance is sharing music with other people, called an audience

In R.E will learn about what it means to belong in a group, learn about Christian/Islamic baptism. We are also going to learn about the symbolism of the Christian marriage ceremony and understand the commitment that people make when they marry and the symbolism of the Jewish marriage ceremony. Lastly, we will be learning about the importance of Easter.

We will be learning to...

- ask some questions about what Jewish people celebrate and why
- ask questions about whether the story of Easter only has something to say to Christians, or if it has anything to say to pupils about sadness, hope or heaven, exploring different ideas and giving a good reason for their ideas
- think, talk and ask good questions about what happens in a church, synagogue or mosque, saying what they think about these questions, giving good reasons for their ideas
- talk about what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and nonreligious special places throughout