

The children have had a productive start to year one and have settled very well. We are preparing for another busy half term especially with the run up to Christmas. In our next topic we will be exploring Great Britain.

English

In English we will be developing our independence when writing sentences for a range of different purposes—we will be researching and writing factual sentences about landmarks within Great Britain. We will be developing our spoken and written language using basic drama techniques. We will be writing diaries from the perspective of different characters as well as creating our own simple narrative in the style of our chosen author Steve Anthony. The texts offer great scope for us to further develop the children's grammatical knowledge and understanding.

Maths

We will continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will further explore place value of 2 digit numbers through a variety of concrete resources, looking at the placement of digits when recording numbers. The children will be continuing to use concrete and pictorial representations to explore number bonds to 10, using these to solve a real life problems. We will be encouraging the children to talk and reason about their number work. We will be looking at the vocabulary needed to describe position and direction, including whole, half and quarter turns. We will be working with left/ right, clockwise and anticlockwise.

What Makes Britain Great?

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Creative Curriculum

'What Makes Britain Great?'

We will be using globes and maps to look at different countries and capital cities within Great Britain. We will be looking at different landmarks within our locality and beyond. We will develop our drawing skills working on portraits related to the monarchy and sketching famous landmarks from around Britain. We will further consider the life of a significant individual associated with Great Britain. We will explore some aspects of change within living memory by examining changes in daily life throughout the reign of our current Queen. We will be developing our knowledge and understanding of different materials, choosing materials based on their properties to design and make a product using textiles, learning and practising our sewing technique to join and embellish textiles.

PE

We will start the half term with consolidation and further development of our gymnastic skills. Gym sessions are now on a Monday, outdoor games takes place on a Wednesday. The children require both indoor and outdoor kits.

Homework

Please continue to spend as much quality time reading with your child as possible. We will continue Minute Maths where the children needs to answer number bonds questions within a minute, please work on the bonds your child has reached. Our weekly spell check will be continue. We will send a weekly list home on a Friday . In week three we will be sending a research project home with the children. The project will ask the children to find out about one of the countries that make up Great Britain.

PSHCE/RE

We will be considering our own feelings and the feelings of others. We exploring the concept of respect during anti-bullying week. We will be thinking about what makes us the same as others and what makes us unique.

Towards then end of term we will be finding out about Christianity and the nativity story.

Key Dates

Parents Evening—9/11/12th Nov

Anti-bullying Week - 16th November

Road Safety Week—16th November

Remembrance—11th November

School Closes—22nd December