

English

Our key texts are 'Counting on Katherine' by Helaine Becker and 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. These link to our topic and will be used to inspire the children to write to entertain and inform. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction and poetry books. We will write acrostic poems and develop our use of descriptive language. We will be consolidating and extending our spelling, punctuation and grammar.

PE

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports working alongside us to deliver netball sessions across the school for the first half term and then Benchball and Dodgeball after the half term break. Children will also be given regular 'physical' rest and rejuvenation breaks throughout the week as well as

History and Geography

In History we will be meeting some intrepid explorers including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will learn about their journeys, destinations and legacies. We will make comparisons between the past and present.

In Geography we will be jetting off around the world and exploring the different continents.

Take Off!

Science

Materials

We will be exploring natural and man-made materials and investigating their properties and uses. This will lead into an exploration of different inventions and discoveries.

Humans and animals-Growth and Survival

We will learn about what humans and animals need and what impact the environment can have.



Year 2

Autumn Term 2021

Art/DT

In Art we are exploring the work of Vincent Van Gogh, specifically *The Starry Night*. We will create our own interpretations of this painting, using different media. We will also be making our own sketchbooks. We will also be exploring and creating African art.

In DT we are exploring axels and wheels. We will be designing, making and evaluating moon buggies. We will also look at sliders and levers and be making pizzas too!

RE: Christianity

We will be exploring questions including:

- Why do Christians go to Church?
- Which special occasions do Christians celebrate? Why
- Why is the Bible a special book?

PSHE

Health and Well-Being

We will look at keeping physically and emotionally safe.

Relationships

We will learn signs of a negative relationship and how to seek support.

We will also be focusing on anti-bullying week and remembrance in November. Our Story Project books are 'The girl who never made mistakes' By Mark Pett & Gary Rubinstein and 'A chair for my mother' by Vera. B Williams.

Maths

We will be covering:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication

We will continue to consolidate number bonds beyond 20.

The children will be enjoying class guided reading sessions after lunch. During these sessions we will be looking at a range of books (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) and will be led by the children's interests. There are also specific texts which we will be looking at/comparing this term:

	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn 1 Compare and contrast	Choose 2 texts by Julia Donaldson to compare	Choose 2 texts by Mini Grey to compare
Autumn 2 Diversity	Mixed by Arree Chung	Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

You may want to explore these books further with your child and they will definitely have lots to tell you about these books!