



Lower School - Spring Term 2025

English, Language and Communication

- In English we will be learning about the language and layout of information texts using Katie Daynes' 'Can we Really Help the Planet? We will learn how we can help the planet and write to persuade others to make changes too.
- We will read every day. We read with adults, our friends, in a small group or use the laptops or iPads.
- Students will develop key vocabulary and listening skills in our weekly Speaking and Listening sessions as well as daily phonics.

Mathematics, Science and DT

- In Maths, we will start of reading, collecting and recording data linked to Big Schools birdwatch. Then we will continue with number and calculating before looking at shape with position and direction.
- In Science, we will be looking at materials, how they are used and how they can change. We will explore our local area to identify different uses for different materials, depending on their properties.
- In DT, we will be researching, designing and making a house Grand Designs style for Kevin McCloud. We will use a glue gun safely to construct our houses.

Personal Development and Digital Literacy

- In PSHE, we are continuing our study about Respectful relationships to include respecting differences; resolving conflicts; personal boundaries; Consent- saying 'yes' and 'no'; identifying safer adults and how we ask for help.
- In PE we will be learning to play Boccia. Lower School will understand the basic rules of Boccia, identifying key equipment used in Boccia. We will be able to demonstrate basic throwing and aiming techniques and improve aiming skills whilst playing the game as a team.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- In Humanities we will use globes, maps and plans to find continents and countries including the UK We will use maps to find locations in school, know how to return safely and recognise symbols in a key.
- Students will describe characteristics of their own and school community and know that North Devon has a range of physical (natural) and human (man-made) features.
- Students will know some similarities and differences between the UK and other countries around the world.

World of Work and Independent Living

- In Food Studies, we will cover where our food comes from, whilst the practical sessions will develop basic skills such as cutting and mixing.

Engagement in the Arts

- In Music students are learning how to create percussion and rhythm using their bodies.
- In Art, we will be painting using texture, pattern and line to create landscapes and cityscapes, inspired by impressionist artists.

Real Life Contexts

- Our topic this half term is **where we live**
- We will be going to be learning within in our local school community in Future Fridays accessing specialist rooms such as the STEM room and our farm plus tasting and choosing a lunch menu for the whole school!
- We are also visiting the Calvert for their Horse Experience this term.