



Lower School - Autumn Term 2021

English, Language and Communication

- In English we will be exploring different fiction and non-fiction text to help our understanding of different genres and help us to write in different styles too. Our first text is 'Stuck' and we will write our own version.
- We will read every day. We read with adults, our friends, in a small group or use Lexia on laptops or iPads.
- We will develop key vocabulary and listening skills as well as daily phonics.

Mathematics and Science

- In our maths we will be improving our counting and number skills to help us calculate. We will also use our number skills to learn about money and measure length. We will learn about telling the time.
- In Science we will be exploring floating and sinking and planning investigations outside to help understand what and why things float or sink. We will be noticing seasonal changes around our school and out in the Forest School area.

Personal Development and Physical Literacy

- In PE our focus will be on basic core skills such as balance, jumping, Throwing and Catching, rolling, kicking. Students will follow aspects of the leap into life programme.
- In ICT we will be identifying and recognising the uses and features of information technology (IT) in school, at home and beyond. We will learn how to make safe choices when using information technology (IT).
- In PSHE we are developing our sense of self with the 'Who I am' topic. We will be learning about families and people who care for us, plus choices towards balancing mental health.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- This term we will be looking at the story of Jesus and the little children as well as finding out about Christenings and what makes us special.
- In History / Geography we will be developing our understanding of where we live and identify the different weathers we experience. We will be working towards creating our own weather forecast.

World of Work and Independent Living

- In Food Studies we will continue to explore our likes and dislikes as well as basic cooking skills: to shape, mix and measure ingredients.
- We will prepare and taste different seasonal vegetables and learn where they are harvested.
- We will name and describe the 'get ready to cook' steps

Engagement in the Arts

- In Music we will listen to music from different genres, and discuss what we like/ dislike. Students will develop their skills in listening and performing, and develop their technical understanding of pulse and rhythm.
- In Art / DT we will be developing our skills when using different materials and techniques. We will design a craft that floats!

Real Life Contexts

- Our topic this half term is... SEASONS AND WEATHER!
- We will be doing lots of learning outside
- We are hoping to go on a trip to Arlington Court