

Our topic this term is London. We will be looking at the capital city and its landmarks. As part of our topic we will be developing our Geography skills, looking at maps, directions and much more. We will also be learning about the History of London.



In Science, our topics will be Sound and Electricity.

Our SEAL themes are New Beginnings and Getting on and Falling out. We will also learn more about friendships and being a good friend during Anti-Bullying week in November. Children will continue to look at the importance of British Values.

In R.E. children will find out about Sikhs and their celebrations at Diwali. We will also find out why Muslims fast during Ramadan.

In Art & Design Technology we will be looking at London landmarks and using different skills to portray images of these. We will also be making moving books based on London and the mechanisms needed to make these work.

In ICT, children will use coding programs, be learning how to present information and focusing on the importance of E-Safety.

Children will be going swimming on Mondays. Please ensure they bring their swimming kit and weekly payment is sent in, in a named envelope. A further letter will be sent out with all the information for swimming lessons. Their P.E. lessons in school will be based on games, ball skills and tactics. **Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.**

In Literacy we will be reading texts that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry. To start our topic we will be looking at the book 'Me, The Queen and Christopher'. We will be writing our own poems based on the sights and sounds of London. The children will look at the work of Lewis Carroll with 'Alice in Wonderland' and will write non-fiction reports about London.

We will be following the TES Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly home spellings which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary;
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Please encourage your child to read and research all about London.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Playing cards and board games.
- Helping them complete any homework.
- Helping them learn to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks.



Homework

Please continue to support your child with homework tasks and sign their homework diary when tasks are completed. In addition to specific homework tasks recorded in their diary, children should practise reading and tables on an on-going basis.

Children will be given Literacy based homework on a Friday to be returned on a Thursday. Maths homework will be given on Friday and needs to be handed in on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.



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We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.