

History- Schools through time

In history, we will be looking at how schools have changed from the Victorians through to present day. We will explore what it must have been like to be a child at school during the Victorian era. We will learn how subjects studied at school have changed. We will also explore how punishments at school have changed and how punishments such as Dunce's cap and canes aren't used today.

Computing- Coding

In computing this half term, the children will be learning coding. Following our Purple Mash curriculum programme, they will learn language associated with coding along with being able to create a simple code and edit a simple code.

Geography- Compass directions

In Geography, we will be learning about what a compass is and what it tells us. We will be using the directional language North, South, West and East to help give directions to people. We will use a map and our learned knowledge of compass directions to find key features. We will be able to describe where we are living (South East of England, South Essex, North of London). We are going to use a compass to help us identify North, South, West and East of our classroom and the playground.

Art – Collage and Henri Matisse

In Art, we will look and respond to collage art work by Henri Matisse. We will learn about how he came to work as a collage artist. We will be inspired by Matisse and make our own collage artwork. We will use a combination of materials that are cut, torn and glued to make our collages. We will also explore adding texture to our collages.

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Lower School will be learning about creation and who made the world. They will be able to retell the story of creation. The children will also be able to recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'big story' of the Bible.

Science- Living things and their habitats

In Science, we will be learning about habitats and micro-habitats. We will discover why certain animals live where they do. We will also identify the difference between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning place value, addition and subtraction. The children will identify tens and ones in numbers. They will use different strategies to solve addition and subtraction sums.

How to help your child at home

Reading is so important, particularly in these early years of school. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and ensure their reading record is signed accordingly. Ask questions when reading at home. Make sure to practise their spellings every night. See if your child can use their maths skills at home by adding and subtracting objects or counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

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PE- Ball skills

The children will practise their ball handling skills this half-term.

PSHE – Being me in my world.

In PSHE, we will identify their hopes and fears for the year as well as their rights and responsibilities.

Music- Hands, Feet, Heart

Lower school are learning the song 'Hands, feet, heart' by Joanna Mangona. It is a song that celebrates South African music. They will follow the charanga programme to complete activities that will encourage them to listen and express their opinion on this piece of music. They will learn to sing and perform the song 'Hands, feet, heart'.

English

In English, the children will be delving into the features of instructional writing. They will write their own instructions that others will follow. For guided reading, we will read the story 'Katie in London' and 'The Lion Inside'