

English

Our topic themes will provide many writing opportunities for our pupils. They will learn to:

- apply their phonics knowledge to segment and write words and simple sentences
- write letters with the correct formation, making sure they sit on the line
- share their ideas with a talk partner and say their sentence aloud whilst writing it

Within reading, pupils will continue to use sounds learned in Reception and newly taught sounds to blend and read words and sentences. They will continue to use the Big Cat books to progress their reading skills.

Art and DT

Pupils will develop their colour mixing skills to create a background for a cityscape and they will develop their collage skills. Using sketching pencils, pupils will draw Tudor houses.

In DT, pupils will design and make a snow mobile for the Nenet community, measuring and cutting wood to create the chassis. They will explore how to make structures stronger, stiffer and more stable.

RE

Pupils will learn about the Christian Creation Story, Harvest and faith stories about nature. We will also learn about the significance of light in various religions.

Fire and Ice

Year 1 Autumn Term 2025

During the first half of the term, pupils will become history detectives as they explore how and why the Great Fire of London started. They will understand what it was like to be there by studying eye-witness accounts.

In the second half of the term, pupils will take a journey into the icy environment of the polar regions. Pupils will use an atlas to explore our world's continents and oceans.

Computing

Computing is incorporated into all subjects through the use of laptops and iPads. Children will learn to log in and navigate technology. Children will discuss the importance of 'Think before you click' when learning about internet safety.

Music

Pupils will learn a variety of songs including singing *London's Burning* in a round. Using their bodies and percussion instruments, they will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch.

PSHE and RSE

Together we will devise our class rules and discuss how we can help each other stay safe and happy at school. We will learn about believing in ourselves and how we can show respect towards others by showing kindness and recognising how behaviour can affect others.

Maths

During the autumn term, pupils will develop:

- their counting skills to 10 and their ability to read and write numbers to 10
- their ability to quickly recall number bonds to 10
- their use of resources such as number lines, ten frames and part-whole models to add and subtract within 20
- their ability to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes and describe their properties

Science

In science, pupils will be learning about everyday materials. They will:

- Discuss the materials used for objects
- Describe the simple physical properties of materials
- Compare and group materials according to their properties
- Explore questions such as *What is the best material for an umbrella?*

PE

In PE, pupils will develop their skills when playing games through weekly coaching from Sports Stars. In gymnastics pupils will balance on different body parts and create sequences.

Orienteering

Pupils will develop the skills of orienteering.