

Topic

On the 5th December, the children be performing their Winter Wonderland performance to you as we approach Christmas! Details to follow nearer the time.

We will be focusing on art and DT and this half term. In art, the children will be studying Ian Bliss. We will be exploring using perspective and different colour tones to create a winter landscape of the school.

During DT, we will be focusing on Christmas decorations and the children will be sewing their very own Christmas decoration.



Science

Science this half term will be all about sound. The children will learn about how sounds are made, the role that vibrations play in sound and how sound travels.

English

The children will be writing their own wishing tale, including figurative language to enhance the description in their stories. They will also be writing some fantastic free verse Christmas poetry.



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Winter Wonderland



Maths

In maths, we will be starting off with addition and subtraction. We will look at doing this mentally as well as using formal written methods to add and subtract up to four-digit numbers. Once secure, they will look at money and apply the formal methods. Learning about how to solve problems that involve these areas of maths will also be worked on this half term.

As always we will continue to work on times tables throughout every week in our lessons.

Reading

This half term, we will be basing our reading lessons around a book called *The Christmasaurus* and the *Winter Witch* by Tom Fletcher. It is a book full of magic, wonder and the fate of Christmas hangs in the balance.

Children are expected to read at home at least **4 times a week for 20 minutes** and get their reading records signed. This greatly helps your child's reading development and also supports progress with their writing too.

Recommended Reading

A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

The Snowman by Michael Morpurgo

The Crayons' Christmas by Oliver Jeffers

Article 13 - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information.

Physical Education

Children will be developing their dance skills along with working on invasion games.

Computing

The children will be exploring how to use PowerPoint effectively.

Music

We will be developing our toots and doods skills and our singing skills.

Religion and World Views

There will be a focus on Christianity with a Christmas link working towards answering the question: what is the most significant part of Christmas for Christians today?

French

Our French will focus on family members, as well as the numbers up to 20.

PSHE

Celebrating differences will be our topic with a focus on looking at how we judge others and bullying.

Homework

English and Maths homework

- Set every **Thursday** to be completed by the following **Wednesday**.
- Homework is set on Atom Learning, alternatively, a worksheet can be provided if needed.
- Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Spellings

- Weekly spellings are set on a **Friday** in the children's diaries, with **4 good quality sentences** to be written in their pink spelling books, to be completed by the following **Thursday**.
- The spelling test will be done on **Thursday**.

Times Table Rockstars

- 10 minutes, 3 times a week.**
- Garage allows children to practise specific tables that have been set or auto generated
- Studio tests all tables up to 12x12 at random.

Home Learning

Create a Christmas decoration to go up on display for our Winter Wonderland performance. Due in the week beginning **Monday 4th December**.