

History

This term, we will explore how childhood has changed over time by investigating work, health and leisure. We will learn about the jobs Tudor and Victorian children did, why they worked and what their working conditions were like. We will examine how Lord Shaftesbury improved children's lives, compare leisure activities across different time periods using historical sources and investigate diseases children experienced in the past and how they were treated.

Geography

This term, we will explore the Amazon rainforest and discover why it is one of the world's most important environments. We will learn about the layers of the rainforest, how plants and animals have adapted to live there and how indigenous communities use its resources. We will also investigate the impact humans are having on the Amazon, consider ways to protect it, and develop our fieldwork skills by exploring and evaluating our local woodland.

RE

This term the children will explore Hinduism and the different ways they worship across the world and in Britain in particular.

Music

The children will be learning to listen to changes of pitch, tempo and dynamics.

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MFL

In Spanish, the children will be continuing to expand their vocabulary. We will start the year learning the vocabulary for the days of the week, months of the year and how to say the date and their birthdays.

Science

In Science, the children will investigate and work scientifically to understand magnetic forces, how to classify and describe speed, movements and directional changes. They will also be looking at sound, identify how sound travels, differences in pitch and volume and patterns that sound creates.

The children will work scientifically to develop observational skills to measure and record changes in states and temperature.

Physical Education

This term, the children will develop their passing, receiving and dribbling skills, learn simple attacking and defending strategies and work together effectively as part of a team while showing good sportsmanship.

Maths

We will begin our term securing the pupils' knowledge of place value up to 10,000, using negative numbers, multiplying and dividing mentally and improving their written calculations in addition and subtraction. They will also be improving their skills of measure using length, area, mass and volume. Pupils will further develop their reasoning skills.

English

This term in our English we will be starting with, 'Adventure Stories' with a grammar focus on fronted adverbials and time conjunctions. We shall then be looking at how to write a diary entry - this will link with our History topic writing from perspectives of children from the past.

Computing

The children will be focusing on what it means to be safe online and how to achieve this.

PSHE

The children will develop their understanding of families, friendships and respecting themselves and others, whilst maintaining safe relationships.