

English

During the next few weeks, we will continue to have a grammar focus within English lessons to build upon the children's existing skills and to prepare the year 6 children for their SATs papers. Within writing lessons, the children will learn how to write in [passive voice](#), how to [manipulate clauses](#) and to accurately use a range of [punctuation](#). As we move towards the middle of the term, the children will be writing more independent pieces of work to showcase their writing ability. Lessons will link to the high quality historical text [Hidden Figures](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly and will be followed by the classic adventure story, [Kensuke's Kingdom](#) by Michael Morpurgo.

Reading lessons will focus on the texts: [I Am Not a Label](#) by Cerrie Burnell and [The Boreal Forest, A year in the world's largest land biome](#) by L.E. Carmichael. Our reading lessons will focus on developing skills such as retrieval, inference and summarising.

Computing

Children will be looking at how flat-file databases can be used to organise data in records. They will use tools, graphs and charts to order and answer questions using a real-life database and present their work to others. After this, children will continue developing their coding skills to interact with physical items and to send receive data.

Maths

For this first half term in Maths, we will be focusing on consolidating our knowledge and skills of prior units through revision and the moving on to develop our learning relating to shapes and angles. After this, we will be focussed upon time, algebra, statistics and an enterprise project.

Art

During this term, the children will be looking at how working life is depicted in art by different artists within different styles. The focus artist we are looking at this half term is [William Turner \(1789-1862\)](#) whose focus was rural life during this time period. The children will have the opportunity to explore water colours and be able to complete a final piece based on working life today in his style.

Swimming

During this term, the children will be split into year groups to undertake swimming sessions at One Leisure Huntingdon. Year 5 pupils will be swimming each Thursday until half term and Year 6 pupils after that.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read daily (even if for 5-10 mins).

Homework is due in on Tuesdays.

Please refer to Dojo for information regarding PE days.
Forest School will be on a Friday this term for Pine Class.

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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PSHE

Children will also be visiting the Life Education Bus as part of their PSHE learning this term. Within lessons the children will learn about some ways in which information and data is shared and used online and how media shapes opinions. Before the Summer break the children will learn about puberty and names and functions of male and female sexual parts as part of statutory health and relationship education.

RE

We will be looking at faith within the community around us. The children will learn about what it means to be part of a faith community, and the benefits this brings, as well as some the potential difficulties in following a faith in the wider community. We will also look at how faith plays a part in the lives of others.

Knowledge and Understanding

Science

Children will be exploring our solar system. They will discover and explore how it all began and spend time sorting, describing and classifying planets. They will also look at the relationship between the sun, moon and Earth; the importance of this and what it affects. The focus scientist for this term is [Steven Hawking](#).

Geography

This term, children will be looking at how our planet is changing by exploring where our power comes from and how we use it. They will be looking at natural resources in the Earth and how we - as humans - can support the prevention of climate change. A study of the continent of America will also take place.

French

This term, the children will be broadening their French vocabulary and building their confidence in basic conversational French. We will be continuing to use the Rachel Hawkes scheme that has been successful through other Primary Schools, and it is something the children enjoy.

Physical Development

The children will be taking part in both Athletics and Cricket.

Within cricket, pupils will be developing their skills by learning a variety of fielding tactics, batting and bowling alongside and learning the rules of the game.

In athletics sessions, the children will practise their running techniques (relays, long distance, and sprints) and throwing.