

English

Our English sessions this term will be used to explore high quality texts. These include [What makes me me? by Ben Faulks](#), Traction Man by Mini Grey, [Matisse's Magical Trail by Tim Hopgood](#). The children will be writing for a range of different purposes including a character description, a set of instructions and short narrative. We will be continuing with our daily RWI (phonics) sessions, continuing to learn set 1, set 2 and 3 sounds in our speed sound sessions. Your child will come home with a new book every 3 to 5 days. In our guided reading sessions, we will be reading short chapter books including [Mr Fawkes, the King and the Gunpowder Plot](#) and [The Night Train](#). We will be focusing on answering comprehension questions and using the text to find the answers.

Computing

Children will be exploring and discussing [online safety](#) and how to ensure they are being safe and respectful online. Children will also be [following and creating simple instructions](#) on a computer.

Maths

The children will begin by looking at numbers and their value. They will focus on [tens and ones](#), [subitising](#) and [partitioning](#). The children will also be recalling number facts to 10, 20 and 50 e.g. knowing that $4+6=10$ without having to work it out or that $40+60=100$. We will then use our knowledge of number to add and subtract using different methods. Using these methods of calculation, the children will then begin to solve simple word problems more quickly.

Please encourage your child to practise their number bonds and times tables every day!

RE

This half term our RE topic is 'Special Places'. We will be discussing what places are [special to us](#) and why. We will then explore a [variety of places of worship](#) for different religions. We will also be looking at what we might see inside these places.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read daily (even if for only 5-10 mins). PE kits should be worn to school on **Tuesdays**.

Please continue to check Class Dojo for the latest messages and updates. For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

PSHE

Diversity and Communities

In this topic will support the children in developing a sense of [personal identity](#). The children will also be taught to respect the needs and views of others. They will also develop their understanding of the needs of the environment and their ability to make a contribution to its and their own care.

Knowledge and Understanding

Science

Our science topic this half term is ['Materials'](#). We will be exploring everyday materials around us. We will look at the [properties and suitability](#) of these materials. Using this knowledge, we will then conduct an investigation, linking to [Traction Man by Mini Grey](#).

History

Pupils will be learning all about [The Gunpowder Plot](#). We will begin this topic by sitting around the fire in our Forest School to learn what happened before The Gunpowder Plot and why it happened. We will then learn about the events during the Gunpowder Plot and write a letter to Lord Montague to warn him of the plot.

We will also discuss how people celebrate [Bonfire Night](#) and have a class debate about whether it should still be celebrated.

Physical Development

In PE, the children will be focusing on developing their fine and gross motor skills through throwing and catching. This will also be used to improve our hand-eye co-ordination skills.