

Autumn Term - Merlin Class

Useful information:

PE is on Mondays and Thursdays
Forest school is on a Monday
Homework: Please read regularly at home (3x per week) and sign reading records: Raffle tickets and Starbooks stamps are given out on a Friday. We can give a maximum of three in a week.

Please use TTRS regularly at home to increase fluency of times tables.



Computing

Our two units for the Autumn term are 'Connecting computers', where pupils will explore inputs, outputs and networks, and 'Stop Frame Animation' where pupils will create movement using sequences of images.



History

Across both Autumn and Spring terms our topic will be 'Stone age to Iron Age'. We will look at the key features of each of these periods of prehistory and the changes which occurred over time. Autumn term will be focused on the Stone Age - early settlements and survival, and the Bronze Age including the beginnings of trade.

RE

Firstly, we will be focusing on Hinduism, looking at the question 'What do Hindus believe that God is like?' We will explore how Hindus describe God and what aspects of God are expressed through different deities and murtis. We will also look at how Hindus worship and the story of Diwali. After half term, we will explore the Trinity and why this is important for Christians. We will link some of the ways Christians worship (including Baptism and prayer) to the Trinity and investigate the stories told in the Gospels.

Design and technology

Or D&T topic for this term links to our Forest Schools learning as we will be constructing shelters. We will look at different forms of shelters and the effectiveness of different materials before designing our own shelter for a toy.

French

This term we are focusing on greetings and numbers 1-20. Pupils will learn to engage with others using basic greetings and know and use the numbers from 1-20 in context.

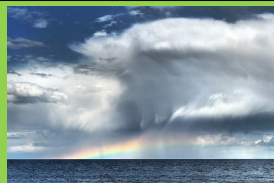


PE

Across the Autumn term, pupils will develop their fitness and skills in 4 areas: Hockey, Fitness, tag rugby and dodgeball

Science

This term, we are exploring states of matter and the differences between solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate the effect temperature has on rates of change for different materials. We will explore the water cycle and part played by evaporation and condensation.



PSHE

We will begin the term by looking at what makes a good friend, discussing positive relationships and communication both on and offline. This will link to the topic of 'Respect' and what it means to show respect to others. Our final area for thinking will be on our similarities and differences.

Art

Our 'Cave Art' aims to introduce children to the idea of making gestural drawing, exploring charcoal as a medium. We will look at how we can use light and shading to create drama within our work.



Music

Our topic for music will be 'Britain since the 1930s'. Pupils will learn to recognise stave and lines and the terms andante, allegro and adagio. They will create sequences of 2, 3, and 4 beat phrases using known note values



Geography

Our geography topic this term is focused on the local area including settlements and changes. We will explore maps at different scales and capture key data using field observations.