

Topic

This half term, our History topic is The Maya! We'll be stepping back in time to explore how the Mayan people lived and comparing it to life today. We'll be learning about their food, clothing, culture, and amazing temples. Children will have the chance to taste traditional foods, build model temples, and discover how the Maya communicated and traded.

In Autumn 2, we'll be travelling (in our imaginations!) to South America to learn all about The Amazon. We'll find out where it is on the map, what the climate is like, and explore what life is like for the people, animals, and plants that live there.

English

We are going to continue to focus on increasing the children's confidence in recognising different word types within sentences. We are going to expand the types of punctuation marks we use (e.g. colons, semi colons, ellipsis) We will continue to engage in a wide range of texts to produce some extended pieces of writing including an adventure story, non-chronological report and a recount.

In our reading session we are going to focus a little more on fluency and reading out loud— this will help increase our pace when reading longer texts. Our focus when discussing a text will be justifying our answers and referring back to the text for evidence. Two very important skills.

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible. Your support is always really appreciated.

Science

This term, we are going to extend our knowledge of the human body by beginning to explore the importance of the circulatory system and the digestive system. We will investigate the importance of diet and exercise on the body and the impact drugs can have. Our second topic will be evolution. We are going to explore how plants and animals have evolved over time and why.



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Goldfinch

Welcome to the Goldfinch Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the our Autumn Term.

Maths

This term, we'll be working with numbers all the way up to 10 million! Children will practise calculating with large numbers by using their knowledge of number structures and place value.

Later in the term, we'll move on to fractions and percentages. We'll build on last year's learning about fractions and begin exploring percentages — discovering how they link to both fractions and decimals.

We will also continue to focus on times tables and club sheets. Please support your child at home by encouraging them to practise multiplication facts, play maths games, and use TT Rockstars regularly.

RE

Our topic this term is Creation and Science – Conflict or Complementary? We'll explore some of the key debates and discussions about the relationship between the Creation story in Genesis and scientific explanations of the origins of the world.

Children will be encouraged to share their thoughts and questions, consider whether a scientist can also be a Christian, and explore the different ways Christians interpret the Genesis story. This is a fascinating and thought-provoking topic that always sparks deep discussion in class.

PE

In Tri-Golf, Goldfinch will focus on improving their accuracy, control, and teamwork while learning the skills needed for the game.

In Gymnastics, your child will develop their balance, flexibility, and coordination, building on the key skills they need to master in Year 6.

Computing

This term we will continue to develop our digital literacy skills through learning how to create vector drawings by combining shapes. We will also look at how information can be stored in databases. In addition to this we will continue to highlight the importance of online safety and explores ways in which we can keep ourselves digitally safe.

Spanish

The children are going to learn to say some of the key parts of the well known traditional tale— Little Red Riding Hood. Then we will begin to learn how to say the names of different shapes.

Diary Dates

Monday— Forest School

Wednesday— PE

Thursday— Swimming

26th September Languages day

13th October Harvest Festival

12th December Christmas dinner

Contact Details

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss MacDonald or Miss Peers directly, in the first instance.

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