

Science

- In Science, we will be looking at Everyday Materials!
- We will be able to identify, compare and classify different materials and their properties.
- We will be setting up lots of different experiments to learn about the suitability for different uses of materials, for example you wouldn't want to use a paper umbrella!
We will also be recording and discussing the data we find in the experiments.

Mathematics

- Continuing to follow the super White Rose Maths scheme, we will begin the term by finishing our units on Addition and Subtraction, Reception will enjoy lots of practical activities learning about numbers 1 - 5. Y1 will focus on parts and wholes, number bonds to 10, adding together, adding more and taking away. Y2 will explore bonds to 20 and 100, as well as adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers.
- All year groups will then finish the term by learning to name, describe and sort 2 and 3D shapes.
- We will again embed Mental Maths skills by taking part in regular sessions where we play maths games and choose and work on special Fluency Targets with a teacher, for example learning to name the days of the week or remember and recall number bonds to 20.

Online Safety focus: Self Identity and Image

Computing

- We will focusing on Digital Media this term.
- We will be learning how to take a good photograph while thinking about the subject and focus.
We will be able to explain the difference between landscape and portrait.
- We will also explore how light can affect photographs.

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China Then and Now



ART & D/T

- In Art we will start by looking at the "Blue" paintings of 20th Century French painter Yves Klein.
- We will then explore Chinese ceramics, concentrating on their intricate blue and white decoration. We will listen to the fable of "Willow Pattern" and learn about the symbolism of the features that make up the famous design, creating collages, drawings and watercolour paintings inspired by it.
- In DT we are going to design, create and evaluate pop-up cards, calendars and Chinese lanterns for loved ones on Christmas Craft Day.

Music

It is that time of year again! We will take on a role, practise and perform words, songs, actions and percussion as part of our whole-class Nativity performance; Out of the Ark's wonderful "Away in a Manger".

Enrichment Activities

- This term is full of opportunities to mark special times, including learning about the tradition of Bonfire Night and making firework pictures.
- We will also find out about the significance of Remembrance Day, making commemorative watercolour poppies and observing 2 minutes' silence with the rest of school.
- Forest School- hiking, building, problem solving, exploring and cooperating in our beautiful woods with our Forest School leader Rachel.
- Dance Festival at Hope Valley College.
- Studying food from other cultures- learning about traditional Chinese recipes and preparing/ tasting Chinese dishes as part of a fabulous cross-curricular Topic Day.
- Taking part in Christmas activities- Whole-school Christmas Decoration Day; village Carol service; our wonderful Nativity!
- The spiritual aspects of Advent and waiting for Christmas

PE

- This term we will focus game skills such as rolling, hitting, running, jumping, throwing, catching and kicking skills in isolation and combination.

English

- In English we will begin with poetry. Y1 will read and write shape poems linked to our Topic, whilst Y2 will focus on the beautiful tradition of haiku.
- Reception will explore a range of new picture books linked to nursery rhymes as part of World Nursery Rhyme Week, as well as stories about the changing seasons and Christmas. These will include "Bear Snores On", "First Snow" and "Stick Man".
- Our class book this term is "The Great Race", a retelling on an ancient myth about the Chinese zodiac. We will read, discuss, act out and write about this fun story.
- Everyone is working so hard in Phonics, and we will continue our daily sessions where we learn in groups using the Twinkl scheme. We also have regular handwriting, SPaG, and Guided Reading lessons.

Topic Work

- Our Topic focuses on Global Geography and Ancient History this term. We will begin by recapping the 7 continents, locating China on a map and finding out about Chinese culture. We will learn facts about Chinese food, religious beliefs and celebrations.
- We will then learn to use words like old, new, ancient and modern, learning about China's history and placing the Shang Dynasty and the birth of Jesus on a chronological timeline.
- We will use primary and secondary sources (video clips, books, photos, illustrations and artefacts) to compare life in China now to life in China during the Shang Dynasty.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural

- Thinking about Advent and Christmas, in RE We will focus on "Incarnation".
- Using stories, discussion, writing and art we will explore the questions: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas? Which times are special and why? And- How and why do we celebrate special times? .
- Our new PSHE Topic is "Being Me". We will recognise that we belong to different groups and communities such as family and school; explore ways in which we are all unique; identify ways in which we are the same as all other people and identify what makes us special ☺