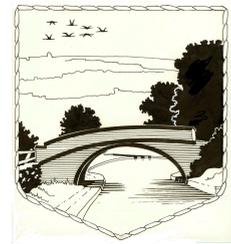




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Curriculum Overview for Spring Term 2025/2026

Reception: (Mrs George) This term in Reception, our topic is 'Amazing animals'. We will be learning all about animals that live in different habitats including our local environment, woodlands, jungles, deserts and seas. We will also think about how we can look after our planet. Alongside all this, we will follow the interests of the children and will ensure that the provision enables them to practise and consolidate essential social and physical skills, such as taking turns and forming letters correctly.

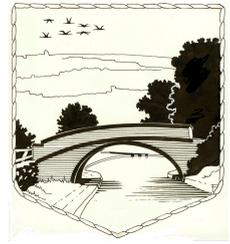
In maths we will be exploring the relationships between numbers to 10 and in phonics learning new sounds and reading and writing sentences. In PE, our topic is 'dance'. PE will now take place on a Thursday morning and will be led by Mrs George.

Year 1: (Miss Foster) This term in Year 1, our topic is Toys and Transport. We will therefore be finding out a little of the history of these things and how they have changed over time. Included in this topic will be a short study of the Lego creator and other giants of the toys and transport history. We will be linking this to prior knowledge of materials learnt in science last term. In science this term, we are looking at seasonal changes between winter and spring and also 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will have the opportunity to explore and learn about the five senses and the human body. We will use Forest School to cover some of this science learning. In English, the children continue to focus daily on phonics and reading, learning the alternative spellings and pronunciations of sounds. We will also be linking our key texts to our topic by focussing on beautiful stories such as 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and 'Traction Man'. Through these texts, we will explore grammar, writing and link non-fiction texts where we can. What a busy term it is set to be!

Year 2: (Mrs Monk and Miss Shepherd) In Year 2 this term, we are discovering the everyday life of the 'Industrious Victorians' in Topic, which links to our English. We will be looking at significant people during the Victorian era, timelines, discovering what homes, schools, hospitals and medicines were like and investigating the major inventions that improved life for ordinary people. We will also focus on art by William Morris – patterns, flowers and colours. In Science, we are looking at 'Living things and their habitats' comparing the difference between living, never been alive and dead things, and the habitats they live in. Look out for the 'Big Garden Bird Watch', we look forward to hearing all about the birds that you spot. We are going to become experts at handling data and programming in our computing lessons. Goerge and Mrs Merrick will be continuing teaching PE and music on Tuesday afternoons. In maths, we will be moving onto multiplication, division, and measures once we have completed our work on money. The focus of our maths world cup this half term will be doubling and halving numbers to 20. It sounds like a busy term, we hope to finish with a Victorian experience



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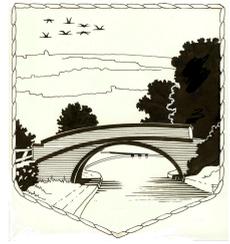


Year 3: (Mrs Griffiths) Our topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians and this will inspire many areas including English and art. We will build geographical skills, looking at maps and practising using atlases to locate Egypt in the world. We then become historians and archeologists, learning about Howard Carter and the tomb of Tutankhamun, the pyramids, mummification, Ancient Egyptian Gods and hieroglyphs. Our English begins with the beautiful text 'Cinderella of the Nile'. We will use this to inspire writing, including news reports and fables. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech and include dialogue in our writing and enhance our narratives. The focus in maths is on multiplication and division. Times tables are so important to success in maths so we hope children will be practising their new tables (3s, 4s and 8s) at home. The times table world cups offer a special incentive! Our science topic this term is humans and other animals. We will be learning about food and nutrition, skeletons and muscles. After half term, we turn our attention to the wonderful world of plants. We look at what plants need to grow and have a bean growing competition! Look out for the Big Garden Bird Watch too! In computing, we become coders. We will use scratch to learn about programming. In music, we have been learning about salsa music. In PSHE, we are thinking about keeping safe, rights and respect. Our RE unit looks at why nature and the seasons are significant for religion and worldviews. With all that, and more, it looks set to be a wonderful (and very full) term!

Year 4: (Mr Snook) This term, Year 4 will be immersing themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Greece across the curriculum. In English, we will be reading and writing inspired by the fantastical text *Leo and the Gorgon's Curse*, a thrilling story packed with mythological monsters that will fuel our imagination and support rich descriptive and narrative writing. Later on, we will be working on Gulliver's Travels to create some discovery writing! In our topic work, pupils will use a wide range of primary and secondary sources to explore the geographical, historical, religious, political and social aspects of Ancient Greece. We will be identifying and ordering significant events on timelines and comparing them with those of other civilisations around the world, investigating the impact of Alexander the Great's empire, comparing the powers and influence of Greek gods and goddesses, and analysing daily life for different groups in society, including the rich, poor, enslaved people and the military. We will also explore trade, battles, transport, diet, money, the emergence of democracy, and learn about famous individuals, their ideas, designs and inventions. This learning will inspire our art and design work throughout the term. In Maths, we will begin with multiplication and division, before moving on to shape, space and measures, followed by fractions. In Science, we will start our exciting unit on Electricity, which is sure to get the sparks of inspiration flying! PE lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and will be taught by our brilliant coach, George. PSHE will be taught on Wednesdays by Miss Foster.



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Year 5: (Mrs Merrick) Welcome back to Year 5, who have settled really well into the new term and some updated classroom routines. We've jumped straight into our new class book, *The Jamie Drake Equation* by Christopher Edge, which we're linking with our new Science topic of Earth and Space. It's been great to explore some initial questions about the story, make some predictions and learn some interesting things about what it's like to work on the International Space Station! We started our Romans topic by putting together a class drama on the legend of the founding of Rome, and are having some great conversations already about what we think is the best way to rule. In Maths we've returned to multiplication and division, and it's been great to see the pupils' enthusiasm for challenging and testing each other as we grow in confidence and develop our skills. We're learning about songwriting in Music, and Mrs Merrick is already very impressed with Year 5's knowledge! Year 5 are really fortunate to have the expert teaching of Mr Snook, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Delaney and Coach George for their German, Art, Computing and PE lessons, and we're all looking forward to a productive, happy and hardworking term together.

Year 6: (Mr Delaney) Welcome to an exciting new term in Year 6! This term, our learning journey takes us to the Yucatán Peninsula as we explore the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya through history and geography. We will learn about their gods, number systems, writing and food, while also studying the geography of Mexico. In English, we will develop our reading and writing skills through *Rain Player* by David Wisniewski, with a focus on vocabulary, retrieval and inference. We will also study *The Curse of the Maya*, a gripping adventure about twelve-year-old twins Verity and Ethan, whose journey to Guatemala uncovers secrets from the ancient past. Spelling remains a key priority throughout the term, alongside careful attention to handwriting and grammar, including active and passive voice and the use of semicolons. In mathematics, we will prepare for SATs with a strong focus on fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra and ratio, supported by rapid recall of times tables and number bonds through our Maths World Cup activities. In science, we will study evolution and inheritance, exploring how living things change over time and adapt to their environments, with opportunities to look at key scientific texts such as *On the Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin. Computing lessons will include designing websites and programming games using Microsoft Kodu. In PE, we will alternate between gymnastics and invasion games, while music will focus on pitch notation and performance. We will also incorporate German phrases across the curriculum and begin planning for a St David's Day celebration. In RE, we will explore creation stories from different religions, and in art, we will continue developing our watercolour skills with the aim of producing a larger display. In the buildup to SATs, it promises to be a busy and rewarding term as the children continue to grow in confidence and skill.