Autumn Term 2026

Class teachers: Mr Durrell
Year Group: 2

English

The fiction focus this term involves looking at the story 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson. We will be focussing on using basic punctuation correctly, using expanded noun phrases to describe and specify, using subordination (because) and coordination (and). At the end of the unit we will write a story based upon the model text.
For our non-fiction work, we will read the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. Throughout the unit we will focus on using co-ordination (but, or), adding -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs, using commas to separate items in a list and writing for different purposes. The written outcome at the end of the unit will be a non chronological report about owls.
Our poetry unit will focus on 'The Owl and the Pussycat' By Edward Lear.

Maths

Throughout the term a key focus will be building fluency with number facts through Mastering Number sessions. In our main maths lessons we will begin by learning about the composition of multiples of ten and then move on to two-digit numbers and how they can be broken into 10s and 1s. Following this they will use their knowledge to compare two-digit numbers. They will then focus on addition and subtraction, first within 10 and then within 20. After the half term break, the children will continue with their work on addition and subtraction, but this time adding and subtracting one-digit numbers to/from two-digit numbers. Finally, we will finish the term by introducing the structure of multiplication.

Science

In this unit, we learn about how humans and other animals have offspring and grow into adults. We will make observations over time on caterpillars and record their life cycle. We will classify different kinds of animal babies and learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals. Focusing on our own experiences, we will explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep ourselves clean, and to take regular exercise. A fair test will be designed so that we can compare data between children of different age groups. We will also research an animal so that we know what it needs in order to survive.

Religious Education

This term we will learn about 'Incarnation'. We will learn that Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. The Bible shows that his birth was extraordinary and that Christians celebrate his birth.

Curriculum

The topic this term is 'Fire! Fire! Fire!'. We will look at the events that surrounded the fire in London and will use a variety of resources (diary extracts, pictures, computer images, information books etc) to learn about the fire. There will be a focus on Samuel Pepys' diary and how the fire spread. We will learn about the dangers of fire and general fire safety. We hope that the Fire Service will visit to talk to us about the dangers of fire and how to keep safe. In Music, we will learn about the music of the British Isles and create music of our own . In Art, we will explore ideas and will design, make and evaluate a Tudor clay building. In design and technology we will be designing and making a fruit jelly. We will regularly use computers and will learn to recognise the uses and features of information technology and how to keep safe. Later we will learn about digital photography and tools to change an image