



CURRICULUM INFORMATION
SPRING TERM 2023
SAPPHIRE CLASS

Our Christian ethos and values are at the heart of our school community and underpin everything we do. We believe that we play a significant part in preparing children for their life beyond our school and, with a strong foundation, our children will develop their own core values.

Respect, Trust, Friendship, Compassion, Justice and Forgiveness



As readers, the children will be increasing their familiarity with a wide range of texts, for example, fairy stories, myths, legends and poetry. They will be reading the texts to help extend their vocabulary. They will also be encouraged to ask questions about what they read and discuss it so that they can understand why it was written and the various characters feelings, thoughts and motives.



As writers, the children will be using the skills they have learnt from exploring high-quality texts to write their own short stories and poems.



As mathematicians, the children will be building on their prior knowledge of place value and the formal methods of calculation.

They will be developing their understanding of the 'value' of a number and begin to use larger numbers within calculations. Formal methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication will be practiced. They will also be learning a method for division. They will be building on their times tables knowledge and working hard to memorise the times tables up to 12x12. The children will be learning about 'length and perimeter', using standard units of measurement, converting measurements, and problem-solving length questions. They will also be learning about fractions.



As geographers, the children will be learning about transportation, tourism, food and natural resources in another European country, France. They will use this knowledge to make comparisons between France and the UK and find out any contrasts.



As linguists, the children will be learning to say the months of the year. They will also learn how to say please and thank-you. We will also be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Easter with a French twist!



As scientists, the children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will use investigations to explore the forces between objects and explore how forces can be increased or reduced using different materials. They will be building on prior investigative skills and improving how they 'find out' information.



As technologists, the children will be learning about the different food groups and how each food group helps us to grow and stay healthy. The children will then be planning and making their own soup.



As artists, the children will be studying the cityscapes art works of the Danish/ French artist, Camille Pissarro, which will link in with our Geography learning.



As computer scientists, the children will be developing their publishing skills. They will be learning how to use graphics, images, titles and sounds to improve the quality of their publishing.



As musicians, the children will be learning to play the Glockenspiel. They will also learn to reflect on what they hear and play.



As citizens in PSHE, the children will be learning about relationships, respecting themselves and others around them and what to do if they feel unhappy or unsafe.



As theologians, the children will be building on their knowledge of Hinduism. In the second half of the term, they will be extending their knowledge and understanding of Easter.



As swimmers, children will be developing water confidence. They will be improving the basic ability to float and develop stronger techniques for the different swimming strokes. **As athletes**, the children will be learning the fundamental skills of moving, changing direction, dribbling, passing, throwing and point scoring. They will also be developing a better sense of team working and working together to achieve a common goal.



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