

English:

We will be looking at a re-telling of the classic fairy tale 'The Princess and the Pea', developing our range of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar skills including simple past and present tense, apostrophes for omission, conjunctions, and inverted commas. We will also be looking at the poem 'Still I Rise', and non-fiction pieces such as the biography of Nikola Tesla, and 'Gut Garden' by Katie Brosnan.

During whole class reading, we will be sharing 'Bill's New Frock' and 'The Midnight Fox'.

Children will also be taught spelling rules and patterns in line with the National Curriculum.

Maths:

This term we will explore a range of interesting units:

- Place value and ways of partitioning, rounding, and ordering numbers.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Multiplication and division.

Times tables are so important, particularly for mathematical fluency, and the class should take time at home to regularly practise these to help reinforce our work on them in school. This website is an amazing resource to practice their times table recall.

[Multiplication Tables Check](#) [Mathsframe](#)



Curriculum:

Geography - We will be looking at our local area, exploring the Black Country and features of Halesowen town, looking at both physical and human geography.

History - We will be building on geographical understandings of our local area and thinking about how it has changed over time.

Art - The class will be exploring line and tone. They will use their observation skills and build up drawings using different media. We will look at artists such as Louise Young and George Seurat.

DT - We will look at textiles, developing skills in securely joining pieces of fabric, and understanding how fastenings can be used in textile products.

Music - We will develop singing and instrumental skills, improving confidence and control. Musical ideas will be explored, refined, and connected to create interesting compositions.

Computing - We will develop our knowledge of the internet, understanding that it is a 'network of networks', learning why we should evaluate online content. We will also explore information handling with databases.

PSHE - We will explore the importance of teamwork, and how to celebrate differences between us.

MFL - We will learn how to greet each other and how to introduce ourselves.

RE:

In RE, children will be investigating the question 'What do Hindus believe that God is like?'

We will also be discussing the Trinity and exploring what it is later in the term.

PE:

Year 4 will be taking part in gymnastics and basketball this term. In gymnastics, children will focus on compositional ideas, building stamina and working collaboratively with a partner. In basketball, they will explore ways of dribbling, passing, shooting, and marking opponents in gameplay.

PE day is on Tuesday.

Science:

We will be exploring sound, answering questions such as 'How do sounds travel through a medium to the ear?' We will also be exploring electricity, creating successful circuits.

We will be building on prior learning and vocabulary, completing lots of investigations to support our understanding.

Homework

Children are expected to read daily and practise times tables regularly. Homework is set on a Friday and is expected to be completed the following Wednesday.