

English

This half term, the children will enjoy reading *stories by the same author*, exploring fun and imaginative books by Simon Bartram and Jonny Duddle. We will meet brave pirates, curious spacemen, and other exciting explorers as we notice what is similar and different in each author's stories. The children will practise key reading skills such as discussing characters, making predictions, and retelling the main events. They will also have lots of opportunities to talk about new vocabulary. Inspired by the stories, the children will plan and write their own adventures, focusing on using full sentences, describing words, and careful editing.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will be learning about money and multiplication and division. They will practise recognising coins and notes, comparing amounts, and making simple totals using different combinations of money. Through practical activities and role-play, the children will begin to understand how money is used in real-life situations. We will also introduce early multiplication and division using objects, arrays, and repeated patterns to help children build strong number foundations. They will learn to make equal groups, share fairly, and begin to see the connection between the two operations. These skills will support their confidence and accuracy in everyday maths.

History

This half term, the children will learn about important explorers, including Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. They will explore how these journeys helped change our understanding of the world. Using stories, maps, and timelines, the children will compare past exploration with today and think about how travel and technology have changed over time.

Outdoor Learning inc. Forest School & Visits

This half term, the children will take part in orienteering activities to build teamwork, problem-solving, and map-reading skills. They will follow simple trails, use basic symbols, and work together to navigate outdoor spaces safely and confidently while enjoying active learning in nature.

Geography This half term, the children will be exploring different aspects of geography, beginning with hot and cold climates and identifying where these can be found in the world. They will learn about the seven continents and some key countries, using maps and globes to spot patterns and make simple comparisons. The children will then focus on our local area, studying familiar places and landmarks and talking about what makes our community special. Through walks, observations, and simple fieldwork activities, they will explore their local surroundings, create basic maps, and discuss how places can look and feel different depending on their location and environment.

PE & Physical Activity This half term, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills. They will learn to travel in different ways, practise balances using various body parts, and explore simple rolls and jumps safely. Working on mats and small apparatus, the children will create short movement sequences, focusing on control, coordination, and smooth transitions. They will also learn to work safely and take turns confidently.

Spring 1 – Explorers!

Foxgloves Class



RE

This half term, the children will be learning about Islam and what it means to Muslim families. They will explore key beliefs such as caring for others, showing kindness, and believing in one God (Allah). The children will learn about the mosque as a special place of worship and hear simple stories about the Prophet Muhammad, through discussion, crafts and role-play.

Computing

This half term, the children will continue learning about online safety, focusing on how to keep themselves safe and make sensible choices when using technology. Through activities on Purple Mash, they will explore self-identity and online images, discussing how people can look or behave differently on the internet and why it's important to only share information with trusted adults. The children will learn to recognise safe and unsafe situations, understand the importance of asking for help, and practise logging in, navigating tasks, and saving their work independently. These lessons help build confident, responsible digital learners who know how to stay safe online.

Design Technology

This half term, the children will be learning about mechanisms, focusing on how wheels and axles help objects move. They will explore a range of everyday items such as toy cars, wheelbarrows, and rolling toys to understand how wheels turn and why axles are important. Through hands-on investigations, pupils will test different designs, noticing what helps a vehicle move smoothly and what makes it wobble or stop. They will then plan, design, and make their own moving model, choosing suitable materials and constructing a simple wheel and axle system. Finally, children will evaluate their finished product and suggest improvements.

PSHRE

This half term, our Jigsaw theme is Dreams and Goals. The children will think about what they would like to achieve, both in school and at home, and learn that goals can be reached with small steps and perseverance. Through stories, discussions, and teamwork activities, they will explore how to stay motivated, celebrate their successes, and support others with their aspirations. The unit helps children build confidence, resilience, and a positive attitude towards learning and personal growth.