

Dates for your diary:

30th September - Year 2 Tag Rugby

Tournament at AFC Henley

2nd October - Harvest Festival church service at Holy Trinity Church

24th October - INSET Day



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Learning Means The World (Happily Ever After)



During this unit, the children will develop a love for stories, with a particular focus on fairy tales. They will investigate the differences between living and non-living things, learn about the life cycle of a frog, and discover various animal habitats. Inspired by The Ugly Duckling, they will identify and name different types of birds. As part of their creative projects, the children will make a lidded jewellery box for Cinderella and design a special item for a fairy to carry their belongings in. Through discussions about good and bad characters, they will also begin to understand what bullying is and learn that bullying behaviour is unacceptable.



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English - The Write Stuff: This term's writing unit will be based on 'Pinocchio' by Carlo Collodi. The children will be developing their creativity and writing skills by planning and writing their own traditional tale. Each lesson will focus on a key part of the story's structure, helping the children to build their ideas step by step. As they write, the children will be encouraged to include a variety of writing techniques from the Writing Rainbow, such as adjectives, repetition for effect, dialogue, questions, time adverbials, similes, using the conjunction 'because' and verbs.

Maths - Maths Mastery (White Rose Maths)

Shape - The children will begin the year learning about 2D and 3D shapes, including how many sides, vertices, edges and faces.



Year 1 - Place Value (within 10) The children will sort & count objects, including from larger groups. They will represent objects, recognise numbers as words, count on to 10, find one more or less, & compare amounts using fewer than, greater than, or equal to. **Year 2 - Place Value** The children will deepen their understanding of numbers to 100. They'll learn to count in steps of 2, 3, 5, & 10, recognise tens and ones, & use number lines & place value charts.

PE -

The children's PE sessions will be led by sports coaches from Performance Sports and MNR. Children will be taught skills in basic tag rugby, learn rules and develop tactics. Y2 children will be invited to a tag rugby festival so if your child is interested, please sign up promptly as there are only 20 spaces available (further details to follow shortly). Children will also work with others while controlling an object within a space and will learn to coordinate body parts in a variety of activities and in different ways.

RE - ODBE Schools



This term, our big question is: "What are the best reasons for following a leader?"

The children will explore the concept of authority and evaluate what makes a leader trustworthy and effective. They will be looking closely at the story of Joshua and comparing his leadership to that of Jesus.

This study encourages deep thinking, personal reflection, and meaningful conversations about the kind of leaders we choose to follow—and the kind we aim to become.

Reminder: PE Days Wednesday & Friday

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via the class e-mail below.

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