

All Saints Primary School

Diamond Class

Geography and History

This term we will be using simple observational skills to study the local and surrounding areas of Bishops Caundle. The children will be learn about maps and how to read simple map symbols.

Whilst learning about local heroes, we will be lucky enough to have some visits from some of these people in our community. The lives of significant historical people, such as Florence Nightingale and Grace Darling, will be taught as part of this.

A Hero Is All You Need



- **Super Starter**
A village walk to introduce the children to their local community.
- **Marvellous Middle**
Visits from those who help us.
- **Fabulous Finish**
A "Hero" fancy dress day to celebrate and share our learning.

Books and Authors

We will be reading:

The Little Yellow Chicken
by Joy Cowley

The Jolly Postman or Other
People's Letters
by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Supertato
by Sue Hendra


The Nativity



Art

For this term there will be a focus on Portraiture, and children will be taught skills of drawing in proportion as well as techniques to create unrealistic portraits. Part of this will involve looking at work of other artists, such as Pablo Picasso. The children will also be exploring the use of block colour and multimedia effects through the influence of Andy Warhol.

The creative area in our classroom provides a range of resources for the children to choose from daily during their "Let's Learn" sessions. This term we have selected types of resources that we will make available every day including material and ribbon, junk modelling resources, shiny materials, natural materials, magazines, paint and much more! To help us keep this supply up we are always grateful of any donations (bottle tops in particular are always popular and provide endless opportunities for creativity and problem solving).

English	Mathematics	Science
<p>During this topic, the children will have the experiences of narrative forms of writing as well as non-fiction. They will be learning about the skills that are needed to write a non-chronological report as well as how to write explanations using the information that they have learnt from visits from people in our local community.</p> <p>The story that will be used at the start of the term is “The Little Yellow Chicken” which incorporates repetitive phrasing and is very sequential to enable the children to recall the events easily. Following this we will use the fabulous story of “The Jolly Postman and Other People’s Letters” which will also introduce traditional tales and enable us to share these as part of our daily storytime.</p> <p>The daily teaching of Word Mechanics (phonics) enables children to have a constant focus on how they write words that they are sounding out, but also provides opportunities for the teaching of spellings and simple sentence construction, involving the use of a full stops, capital letters and finger spaces between words. The delivery of Word Mechanics uses a variety of approaches and where possible is made active and multisensory.</p>	<p>In Diamond Class we recognise that Maths is fun – we make it active and as hands on as possible.</p> <p>In Mathematics this term the children will be focusing on careful counting, recognising numbers, exploring number relationships, and then completing simple addition and subtraction calculations. They will use shapes to construct with and hunt for them everywhere around them.</p> <p>Maths can happen daily at home too! Remember to remain positive about it and that whether you are counting out the cutlery at dinner, spotting numbers on houses during your walk to school or recognising shapes around the house... you are still using maths!</p> 	<p>We will be having a focus on Everyday Materials this half-term. The children will use their skills and senses to explore and investigate a variety of materials that have different properties.</p> <p>They will participate in investigations to enable them to choose the most suitable material for a product.</p> <p>As well as learning about materials, the Enrichment session on a Wednesday afternoon will bring the children’s attention to the season of Autumn. They will explore outside and observe seasonal and weather changes over a number of weeks.</p>

PE	Computing	RE and PSHE
<p>Miss Scott will be teaching the children's PE this term on both a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. During the Wednesday morning sessions Diamond Class will be taught a range of fundamental ball skills including catching, throwing and kicking.</p> <p>Additionally they will also be developing balance, agility and co-ordination through a range of activities including gymnastics and dance on a Friday afternoon.</p>	<p>The children will use and operate cameras and Ipads to begin to record their own learning.</p> <p>We will begin by working on skills on the computer that involve using a mouse as well as saving, opening, editing and printing work.</p>	<p>The children will be learning all about what makes people and places special, whilst looking at a variety of religious beliefs, festivals and celebrations, including Christmas. They will be learning about the Christian creation story and responding to the enquiry "Does God want Christians to look after the World?".</p>
Let's Learn!		
<p>Each week a range of Let's Learn activities will support children to develop their skills through play. The resources provided will be selected carefully to ensure that these opportunities are varied and allow progression. The adults will observe the children in their use of these activities throughout the week in order to plan their next steps and also take into account their current interests.</p> <p>Year 1 children will use their Challenge Book to guide them through these to ensure that they are covering a range of planned activities to support their learning. All of the activities are designed to give children the opportunity to explore and take on some form of independence to their learning. Through this, the children will be given opportunities to develop their social skills and learn the importance of team work, sharing and listening to one another in a range of situations.</p> <p>Our learning will always happen both inside and outside, so we apologise for wet sleeves and splashes of mud!</p>		
<p>Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet – it is much appreciated and I hope it goes a little way in introducing you to our class learning this term. Please remember to keep in touch with us, either by phone, letter or in person and we look forward to working alongside you all. We will soon be introducing you all to the online learning journal "Tapestry" and we hope that this will help you to follow your child's exciting journey with us.</p> <p><u>Diamond team this term:</u> Mrs Parsons, Miss Amor and Miss Scott</p>		