

Writing

Focus texts:

The Magic Paintbrush by Liz Miles and Meilo So
The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson

This term the children will be building up to writing their own version of 'The Magic Paintbrush'. We will spend time exploring two versions of the story using the 'Story Telling Curriculum' style. This will include using drama, story mapping and retelling and finally innovating. We will also spend time looking at the features of story, building creative language and consolidating the use of capital letters and full stops.

Phonics

All children will be assessed to identify their current phonic knowledge. Phonics will be taught daily, with a focus on filling gaps in phase 3 – 5 knowledge before moving onto new learning.

All children will be completing the Phonics Screening Check in December.

Maths

This term we will be consolidating their Year One knowledge as well as working on the Year Two objectives.

The focus will be on:

- Understanding the place value of numbers up to 100 – using physical apparatus and written methods.
- Comparing the value of numbers up to 100, using greater than and less than symbols.
- Counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Grouping objects in 2s, 5s and 10s in order to count them more easily.

Reading

Our two guided reading texts this term are linked, focusing on the theme of the dark. The books are 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yartlett and 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.

Our class novel this term is 'Charlie Changes into a Chicken' by Sam Copeland.

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The Magic Paintbrush



Science

Our Science lessons this term will be focused on:

- Hygiene – handwashing, staying clean and dental hygiene.
- Healthy eating – the importance of a balanced diet.
- Exercise – the importance of exercise to be fit and healthy
- Basic needs – what do animals and humans need to stay alive
- Growing and changing – looking at the way animals and humans change as they grow. Creating animal lifecycles.

Geography

We will be studying China this term. We will locate China on a map and become more familiar with its large cities and landforms. We will find out more about Chinese culture and everyday life. We will compare school life in China and England.

R.E.

This term we will be looking at Christianity. We will explore what Jesus taught, and asking the big question: **Is it possible to be kind to everyone ALL the time?**

Art & DT

We will be focussing on the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama who creates art using dots.

PE – Please wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays

This term we will learn more about Tai Chi and other martial arts.

We will also be practising outdoor team games.

Every day the children will also complete 'The Daily Mile'

PHSE

We will be focusing on 'bucket filling' being kind to others and building self-esteem. Each week a 'bucket filler of the week' will be chosen.