English

We started the school year by studying the whole school text ***'Journey' by Aaron Becker.*** This focused on visual literacy, and included a short, descriptive piece of writing.

As part of our poetry unit, we are exploring Nursery Rhymes.

Intended skills:

- Performance (volume, tone, expression)
- Illustrations
- Sequencing
- Expanded noun phrases
- Conjunctions
- Inventing our own nursery rhyme

Our next topic is exploring 'All about me!' Our focus book will be 'Ruby Worry' and 'This is me!'

Intended skills:

- Explore characters (inferencing)
- Identifying feelings
- Writing sentences
- Writing about themselves
- Publishing their own book

RE

Branch 1: Creation and Covenant

The overarching theme of this year is baptism. Baptism is the meeting point where people are reborn to a new life in Christ and become part of the Christian community. In the story of Noah, Creation is reborn from the waters of the flood. Pupils will encounter John the Baptist and journey through St Luke's gospel as they come to know the signs in the gospel that Jesus is the Messiah spoken of by the prophets. They will consider how the power of the Holy Spirit transforms the lives of people in the writings of St Luke, for example, Mary, Elizabeth, and Paul, and consider how a life in Jesus calls people to be good neighbours. Pupils will also begin to think about good and bad choices (sin) and why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is needed. Pupils are not expected to know all these connections, but teachers can help them make connections between different branches to ensure that links between branches exist across each year as well as sequentially as they revisit a branch the following year.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. I hope you find this newsletter helpful in supporting your child in learning at home and at school.

Kingfishers: Ms Cox

Maths

Learning Focus: Number

Place Value:

- Count objects to 100 by making 10s
- Recognize 10s and 1s
- Partition numbers to 100
- Write numbers to 100
- Estimate numbers on a number line
- Count in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s

Addition and subtraction:

- Bonds to 10
- Bonds to 100
- Add and subtract 1s
- Add and subtract by making 10s
- 10 more, 10 less
- Subtract 2 digits
- Missing number problems

Science

Learning focus:

Biology:

Intended Skills:

Animals Mammals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles

Humans Exercise, Food, hygiene, Teeth

Chemistry: materials

Intended Skills:

- Explore materials (wood, plastic, glass and metal)
- Test and Experiment

Sustainability: Plastics

Intended Skills:

- Helpful vs harmful
- How can we reduce our plastic waste?

Art & DT

Learning focus: Investigating and building stable structures

Intended Skills:

- Understand structures are built for purpose
- Features of different structures
- Design a product
- Sketch an idea
- Build design

Spanish Learning focus:

Introduction to Spanish

Intended Skills:

- Introduction phrases
- Recognize and respond to different greetings
- Understand feelings

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PSHE & RHE

Learning focus:

Zones of regulation:

Recognising our feelings, understanding our class charter, catholic social teaching and behaviour values.

Created and Loved by God:

Created individually, becoming an adult, loss and change. Grateful, appreciative, faith and personhood values.

Family and Relationships:

Respect, respectful relationships, stereotypes, attitudes and beliefs.

Computing

Learning focus:

Computing systems and networks

Intended Skills:

- Computers vs not computers
- Logging in and out
- Computer safety
- Mouse control

Music

Learning focus:

Watch Rhythms: Children will study songs, sounds and rhythms from the jungle and will learn about the use body percussion.

Homework

Homework is sent out every Friday and is due the following Friday.

Children are expected to read every night and record in Reading Record. Books are changed on Monday. Reading records are checked every day.

Spelling

Spelling is sent out every Tuesday and is returned every Tuesday.

Important Dates

School Photos: 07/10/2025

Forest School: 01/10/ 2025

Library Visits: 07/10/2025

History/Geography

Learning focus:

Victorians: A study of British history

The Industrial revolution.

Place knowledge: Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom.

Intended Skills:

- Uses timelines to place events, periods and cultural movements from around the world.
- Uses timelines to demonstrate changes and developments in culture, technology, religion and society.
- Uses these key periods as reference points: BC, AD Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Tudors, Stuarts, Georgians, Victorians and Today.
- Describes main changes in a period in history using words such as: social, religious, political, technological and cultural.
- Understanding and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary – urban, rural, land use, sustainability, tributary, trade links etc.
- Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

PE: Wednesday and Thursday

Learning Focus: invasion games

Intended Skills: Agility, Balance and Coordination