

ENGLISH

English - Children will be encouraged to express themselves on paper and using SymWriter on the computers, writing for a variety of purposes including stories, poems, factual accounts, recipes, lists and letters. Stories such as Titch, Today is Monday and The Bad Tempered Ladybird will support topic work.

Phonics - Children will continue to follow the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Children will learn to hear and blend letter sounds in words to develop independent reading and writing skills. Phonics will be taught in groups relevant to children's progress.

Reading - All children will take part in Group Reading. Our first genre will be non-fiction texts. Children will learn to identify features of information books and help write a class information text about Westfield School.

Children will take part in 1:1 reading sessions.

Handwriting - We will develop fine and gross motor skills to support pencil control and handwriting.

MATHS

We will continue working on the number system and place value including addition and subtraction. Maths will be taught in two groups to meet the needs of all the children in the class with 1:1 intervention where necessary.

As a class we will investigate time through our topic work. We will focus on sequencing, time related language (past, present, future, yesterday, tomorrow etc) and identifying o'clock and half past.

Children will explore units of measure when cooking, measuring liquids and solids and using balance scales.

BRITISH VALUES

Children will be encouraged to develop a sense of belonging to their class, school and local community. They will be encouraged to respect the natural world, learn about the world in which we live and be proud of what we see around us.

Learning in the Community - as part of our topic we will try to arrange a visit to The Priory Church and Grange Court in Leominster.

Back in Time



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PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will be thinking about their own personal history and their hopes for the future. We will explore what makes us different and what makes us special.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY & GARDENING

Children will take part in food tech and gardening sessions on alternate weeks. They will be growing food that can be used in their cookery sessions and comparing how long it takes different plants to grow.

SCIENCE

Through topic links children will be taught to describe and talk about what they see, show curiosity about why things happen and how things work and show an understanding of cause and effect. Children will find out about and identify some features of living things, objects and events. Science themes will link to food tech and gardening activities this term.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Our topic work will develop an understanding of history. Children will have opportunities to

- sequence events and objects, in order to develop a sense of chronology
- ask questions about the past
- use simple, time related vocabulary, e.g.- yesterday, today, before, after, old, new
- talk about past and present events in their own lives and those of people they know
- use a range of resources to find out about the past and to identify similarities and differences between now and the past.

Themes will include old and new toys, clothing, technology and buildings. We will be exploring different periods of time from dinosaurs to Victorian lifestyles and we will consider how we might live in the future!

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This term we will be swimming every Thursday at Presteigne Pool. Children will also have a weekly P.E session in the school hall. Children will be encouraged to take part in adult directed games at playtimes. 1:1 physio programmes will be delivered where appropriate.