

English: Writing: We will be using Talk for Writing to learn the features of an instructional text. Children will then be able to use this to write their own set of instructions. We will also be looking at the features of play scripts and the idea of performance from a written text.

VCOP: VCOP sessions will teach the children to use **compound sentences**, writing using co-ordinating conjunctions. They will start sentences using **fronted adverbials** and use a range of punctuation within sentences.

Spelling: Weekly spellings will be linked to handwriting practice.

Reading: Whole Class Reading will be based on a selection of non-fiction texts about rivers and light as well as poetry.

History & Geography:

In History, children will continue to investigate our local history, beginning to understand how changes in Southend's history have resulted in the city they live in now.

In Geography, children will be learning all about rivers; how they are formed, features of them and the importance of the River Thames.

Outdoor Learning:

Nature Area sessions will take place at regular intervals over the half term. Children will use the Artistic theme of light to appreciate, imagine, and understand how light is generated. They will understand how fire is light and what a fire needs.

P.E. In PE we will continue with our Gymnastics work building routines on floor and using apparatus. We will also begin to look at the aspects of Dance, interpreting music, building routines based on movement and poise and considering rhythm and repeated movements.

Art: Children will explore how and why artists incorporate light and shade into their work. They will practise their sketching skills using pencils and paint and practice still life drawing and painting.

We will also be looking at Art based around religious themes closer to Christmas and doing cross stitch work.

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Autumn 2 - Let it shine

Maths: Children will continue to follow the **Big Maths** methods this half term for their numeracy work. They will practise doubling and halving 2 and 3d numbers as well as 2dp numbers formally and mentally using the partitioning method. They will use the term **factor** and find factor pairs for a given **product**. Children will practise using formal methods to add, subtract, divide and multiply.

Children will also be looking at the features of 2d shapes together with fractions and data, with a continued emphasis on times tables practice.

Music: As well as weekly hymn practice the children will be working towards A Christmas Carol Concert for parents. 4Fountains will continue learning to play the 'Pbone' and 4Gideon will continue with lessons on the Glockenspiel with both classes learning the structure of formal notation and rhythm and tempo. The children will also listen to different styles and styles of music.

RE:

Baptism/confirmation

Continuing from last term – belonging. Our local Church and Belonging to a community. What Confirmation means.

Advent/Christmas

God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus.

ICT:

We will be continuing our work on editing audio recordings as well as building on our knowledge of I.T products, such as Laptops and I pads and increase their knowledge of established programs we can use with these devices, such as Powerpoint, Word, Publisher and other on-line programs.

Science/D&T: Circuits and conductors

Children will investigate electrical circuits and their main components. They will find out about the difference between mains and battery powered circuits. They will be able to recognise some common conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors. The children will construct circuits and build their own switches in D&T and work on a cross stitch pattern for a Christmas design.

French:

We will continue with learning numbers, colours and begin to learn the correct language for talking about 'La Famille'.