

Amethyst Class

Autumn Term 1 2023

What are we learning this term?



Literacy and Phonics

The children will be completing baseline assessments for the first few weeks of school and we will then begin learning the Set 1 phonics sounds together, 4 sounds per week, along with the Red words.

Through our Literacy the children will be looking at a book a week using Greg Bottrill's pioneering approach 'The Drawing Club'. We will start with 'The Colour Monster' next week.

Maths

Following the Mastering Number approach, pupils will build on previous experiences of number from their home and nursery environments, and further develop their subitising and counting skills. They will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison

**Our Topic in school this term is linked to
'Explorers - what makes an explorer important or significant?'**

Communication and Language

The children will learn a range of poems songs and rhymes, noticing the rhyming words and beginning to suggest alternatives.
Children will be encouraged to listen carefully and make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Children will also be encouraged to offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

Using PSHE Matters we will be looking at Being Healthy. The children will learn what a healthy diet is and how to take care of their bodies. They will learn about the importance of good hygiene through hand washing and taking care of our teeth too.

Understanding the World

The children will begin exploring different materials and their properties, finding out about why some materials are better than others for different tasks. They will begin looking at beebots and unplugged instructions in Computing.
Through our Topic link they will find out about some famous explorers and their lives while looking at their own timelines so far. The children will also begin their Seasonal Walks exploring changes around us.

Expressive Arts and Design

Alongside exploring mark making materials and construction through play in class the children will also be looking at Drawings and Portraits in Art. How colour effects the mood of a piece of art work, how to use lines to create shapes and looking at some famous works of Art.

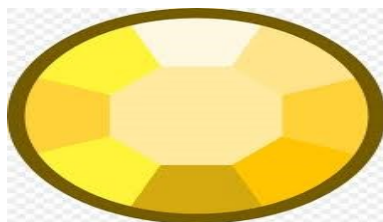
How can parents and carers support their children?

Please confirm the invitation sent through Evidence Me so we can begin sharing our learning together as soon as you can.

Encourage your child to mark make and explore their meaning behind their marks as much as possible.

Please keep October 17th in your diary 4:30-5:15 for our online phonics meeting in a few weeks time.

Topaz Class



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English

Children will be reading the books *Class Two at the Zoo*, *Who's Our New Teacher?* and *Aaaarrgghh, Spider!* They will predict how the different stories will end, and then retell them in their own words.

Children will also be exploring poetry, patterns and rhymes and create their own poems to perform out loud.

Maths

Year 1—numbers to ten, the part, whole model and addition within 10

Year 2—number to 100 and addition within 100

Science Uses of everyday materials. Children will explore the properties of a range of everyday materials, their suitability, how some materials can change shape, how the recycling process is able to reuse some materials and learn about some inventors who created useful materials.	RE Creation Children will explore what Christians believe about the creation of the universe and how important it is to look after the world we live in.	Computing Online safety and effective searching Children will learn how to use Purple Mash and the importance of safely logging on and off. Children will also develop an understanding of what the Internet is and basic tools to help them search for information more effectively.	Topic History— Explorers Children will learn about some key explorers from around the world and from our local area and ask why they are important. They will be exploring timelines and getting a deeper understanding of the concept of significance.
Music I wanna play in a band! Children will be listening to a range of rock music, finding the pulse and clapping the rhythm and learning to sing a rock song and accompany it using percussion instruments.	PHSE Being healthy Children will explore what it means to be healthy by learning what makes a healthy lifestyle; the importance of brushing teeth, hygiene, exercise and a balanced diet.	PE Real PE —Children will work on their coordination and balance through hopping, jumping, skipping, galloping and stopping and starting. They will explore these through a range of games and songs.	Art Drawing and colour Children will use a range of media to explore colour, texture, tone and shadow. They will then use these skills to create observational drawings.

How can parents and carers support their children?

Reading and discussing books at least 4 times a week with your child. Helping your child to learn their weekly spellings.

Emerald Class

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What are we learning this term?



English

Fiction unit: Storm

Using this exciting text, the children be immersed in a magical world, where characters keep us intrigued. We will be looking at how to manipulate text to create suspense through words and action. They will work towards an independent narrative of their own.

Maths

Year 3:

Place value: numbers within 1000

Addition and subtraction

Year 4:

Place value: 4 digit numbers

Addition and subtraction

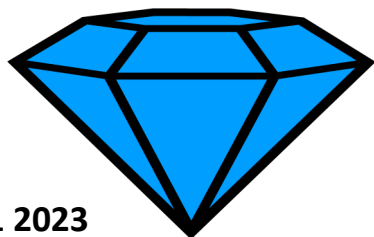
Science <u>Light and Shadow</u> This half term we are looking at reflection, shadows, dark and the dangers of sunlight.	RE <u>Creation</u> What do Christians learn from the Creation story?	Computing During this term the children will be looking at flow charts, creating programs that use different timers. They will explore the use of repeat commands, use coding knowledge to create a range of programs and finally design and create an interactive scene.	Topic (History / Geography) <u>Stone Age to Iron Age</u> The children will be exploring prehistoric Britain after the last ice age. They will be looking at the very first settlements and learning how early humans survived. They will be looking at changes and developments that happened, technological advances in tools and permanent settlements such as Skara Brae.
Music This term all the learning is focused around one song: Three Little Birds. The lessons will take an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.	PHSE <u>Being Healthy</u> Exploring what affects their physical, mental and emotional health. Understanding the concept and benefits of a balanced healthy lifestyle.	PE Real PE: Unit 1: co-ordination and static balance Hockey	Art / DT The children will experiment with showing line, tone and texture with different hardness of pencils. They will use a variety of different materials to draw. Outcome: Cave art

How can parents and carers support their children? Reading and discussing books 3-4 times per week, practising timestables (up to 12 x12 for Y4, 2,3,4,8,5,10 x tables for Y3)

Sapphire Class

Autumn term 1 2023

What are we learning this term?



English

Oranges In No Man's Land (fiction text)

In this unit, the children will explore a fiction text set in Lebanon. They will plan, edit and write a story from a different character's point of view.

Maths

Y5— Place value within 1,000,000 & Addition and Subtraction

Y6— Place value within 10,000,000 & Four Operations

Science Living Things and Their Habitats: Life Cycles and Reproduction Children will learn about the process of reproduction and the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.	RE Children will explore the question: Why do some people think God exists?	Computing Coding Efficiently Children will predict how codes will run, Investigate to see if their predictions were correct, modify by adding/changing codes and make new programs that function in different ways.	Topic (History / Geography) The Kingdom of Benin Children will explore the question: What made Benin a powerful and sophisticated civilisation?
Music The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air Children will listen and appraise Hip Hop songs, take part in musical activities and perform a song with the use of musical instruments.	PSHE Being Healthy (It's My Body) Children will understand that they can choose what happens to their own bodies and understand the importance of sleep, exercise and healthy eating, whilst discussing the choices related to health that they make each day.	PE Real PE Unit 1 Ball Skills Agility Tag Rugby Swimming	Art / DT Collage Children will plan and design a collage that will be added to a painted or printed background.

How can parents and carers support their children?

Reading books/recording in reading diaries and answering questions related to these.

Supporting completion of homework (Maths, Spellings and Reading Comprehension)

Practising timetables frequently (up to 12 x12)