

English

Children will begin the term by focusing on train poetry. They will study rhythm, onomatopoeia, alliteration and syllabic structure and how this contributes to the performance of a poem. We will then apply this knowledge when children are given the opportunity to write their own train poems.

The children will also be learning about the purpose and audience of a biography. We will discuss the features of form and language and a range of grammar techniques to help them engage the reader. The children will then write their own biography of Daniel Gooch who was heavily involved in the running of the GWR trains.

The term will end with the children writing a recount of their visit to the Steam Museum and a formal letter offering a job on the railways so they can develop their knowledge of letter writing.

Computing

This term the children will be completing crash-course in spreadsheets and will use vocabulary such as 'cell', 'row', 'column' and 'formula.' They will be colouring cells, entering data, calculating sums and drawing graphs.

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Dreams and goals' where the children will be thinking about what they want to achieve from their immediate and long term future.

Reminders

We have booked a visit to The Steam Museum on the 19th September, as part of our Booming Swindon topic. A letter will follow.

Science

Our topic this term is Sound. The children will learn about how sound travels as wells studying patterns of pitch and volume depending on the object that has created the sound and the strength of the vibration. During this topic, the children will also develop their observation, predicting and questioning skills.

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Art

Our focus for Art this term is Lowry. The children will be studying his life and his works and comparing his work to other artists. They will develop their skills in the use of light and tone and create their own piece in the style of Lowry's work.

PE

In Class PE, the children will be learning different techniques in football and they will develop their cross-country skills.

Maths

The children will extend their knowledge of place value up to numbers with 4 digits, thinking about the value of each digit and using this to enable them to compare and order numbers to 1000. They will also use this knowledge to help them round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They will be finding more or less of a given number up to 1000 and counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100.

Work on shape will include classifying 2D shapes and identifying types of triangles.

Alongside this, we will recap the 3x, 4x and 6x tables.

RE

Our theme for this term is Buddhism. The children will be learning about the life of Buddha and considering whether his teachings could make the world a better place.

History

We are looking at the coming of the railway to Swindon and the impact it had on the town. The children will be looking at a range of things including; maps of Swindon before and after the railway and censuses from the early 1900s showing the jobs people used to do. We will learn about why people now move to Swindon from within the country and abroad. The children will also look at the development of new areas in the town before having a go at designing their own.