

English

In English we will be focusing on the book 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey.

During our lessons, the children will be accessing a range of writing opportunities including:

- predictions
- create a character description
- letter writing
- journal entries

Phonics and Spelling

Spelling is such a key life skill. We are looking at the Year 1 common exception words and recapping the sounds we learnt in Reception before moving on to the next phase. Please support you child with any spelling homework they receive. The reading books your child receives support their phonics learning, which is an essential part of learning to read and spell.

Science

Our scientists will learn all about 'Materials'. We will be identifying materials and their properties.

Our scientists will also be exploring and comparing man-made and natural materials.

Toys

History

Our historians will be learning all about the history of toys from the past and present. The children will be exploring what toys were like in the past compared to now and how toys have changed over time. We will also learn that there are many similarities and differences between old and new toys - this can be down to how they move and what they are made from. Some toys, like teddies, have hardly changed overtime.

Maths

This half term the children will look at the following:

- Part whole models
- Addition and subtraction within 10
- Shape

Throughout out maths lessons we will be developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills, knowing how to transfer them into a real-life situation.

Religious Education and RSHE

Our RE topic "Mary our Mother" will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Mary and her role in the Incarnation. It introduces the children to the stories of the Nativity of Jesus in Luke's Gospel which are told from Mary's point of view. The topic also gives opportunities for the children to learn about the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and their respective rituals, signs, and symbols.

RSHE is incredibly important in the current climate to ensure the children's wellbeing. This term we will be learning the importance of positive emotions and relationships and linking this to how we are part of Gods special family.

Art and Design and Technology

In Design Technology this term our topic is Toys and Puppets. We will look at different types of moving toys and puppets focusing on their features and materials. The children will develop basic joining techniques for materials. This will include sewing an over stitch, gluing and stapling. They will then follow the design process to design, make and evaluate a puppet using fabric and other materials.