

Brilliant Britain

English

This half term, we'll be stepping through a mysterious portal as we begin our Talk for Writing adventure! The children will learn and perform our portal story, *The Secret Door*, using actions and a story map to remember the text. We'll explore exciting vocabulary and descriptive language before changing parts of the story and developing new ideas. The children will then become authors, planning and writing their own portal adventure! We'll finish the half term with some Autumn shape poetry.

Mathematics

We'll be busy building our confidence with numbers! Our main focus will be **place value**, exploring numbers to 100 using lots of practical equipment, pictures and number lines. We'll investigate tens and ones, partition numbers, compare and order them and practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We'll then begin exploring number bonds and addition and subtraction.

Science

Get ready to investigate! Our young scientists will explore the materials we see and use every day. We'll discover what different objects are made from, investigate how materials can change shape and test which materials are best suited to different jobs. We'll also find out where materials come from and explore how we can reduce, reuse and recycle.

Geography & History

Our *Brilliant Britain* adventure will take us around the United Kingdom and back in time! In Geography, we'll locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK and explore the surrounding seas. In History, we'll travel to 1666 to discover the Great Fire of London, uncover the Gunpowder Plot, learn about Florence Nightingale, and explore Remembrance Day and why we remember those who served.

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Physical Education

In PE, we will develop our **throwing, catching, running and jumping skills** through a range of games. The children will learn to **use space, attack and defend**, while developing teamwork, coordination and an understanding of how exercise affects their bodies.

Music

In Music, we will develop our singing, performing and composing skills as part of our **Brilliant Britain** topic. We will explore music linked to Britain and The Great Fire of London, using instruments to create sounds and rhythms to represent the fire.

Art & Design Technology

It's going to be a creative half term! We'll make UK-inspired paintings and flags, create striking London silhouettes and produce artwork inspired by the Great Fire of London. The children will also have the opportunity to create Great Fire scenes in shoeboxes and make model houses linked to our Forest School learning. We'll finish with some colourful Bonfire Night art.

Computing

What actually makes something a computer? We'll investigate different types of technology and learn about inputs, outputs and computer peripherals. The children will explore how technology follows instructions before using their imagination to design an invention with its own inputs and outputs.

RE & PSHE

In RE, we'll explore '*Who is a Muslim and how do they live?*', learning about Muslim beliefs and daily life. In PSHE, *My Healthy Self* explores exercise, sleep, healthy eating, teeth and making healthy choices.

Reading & Phonics

Reading is at the heart of our learning. Through **Talk for Reading** and phonics, children will explore exciting texts, develop fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, and grow their love of reading.

How you can help and additional information

Reading with your child regularly and discussing stories helps build confidence and literacy skills. Please practise **phonics and spellings** set by school. In Maths, practising **number facts, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and telling the time** will reinforce classroom learning. Your support with homework and learning makes a real difference. Most importantly, ask about our **Brilliant Britain** learning! Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey!

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