

English

Writing

We will build on our sentence writing skills this half term. We will be using adjectives to describe our perfect pet while revising our rules for writing a simple sentence. We will write descriptive facts about dinosaurs, focusing on joining simple clauses with an 'and'. We will produce a small descriptive piece about dragons thinking more about adjectives and will use all the writing rules that we have learnt so far to write a set of instructions for washing a 'woolly mammoth'. During skills sessions will learn how to create plurals of nouns using 's' and 'es' and recap our handwriting families each week.

Reading

We will be learning new sounds and tricky words in our daily phonics sessions and applying these new skills to help us read more fluently. We will be developing our comprehension skills to be able to talk about the books we read in more detail. We will also be reading the new for 2026 'Hampshire Picture Book Award' books.

Spelling

We will have weekly spelling quizzes based on the sounds we have learnt the previous week and our new tricky words.

Science

We will continue to look at animals, this time grouping them based on their diet and their structure. We will learn the terminology of carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

Art

We will use clay to make fossil imprints and clay ammonites linking to our history work. We will also revisit our shading skills.

Music

Our music will focus on 'The Old Castle' and will use the dimension of timbre, asking children to select the right instrument to make a certain sound from the castle.

Geography and Science

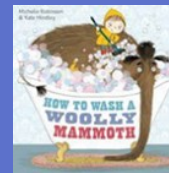
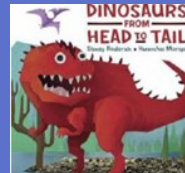
We will continue our longitudinal study, exploring the changes winter has brought to our



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Our Unusual Pet

This half term our text drivers are:



Maths

We are going to learn about using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10.

We will be solving one step problems involving addition and subtraction.

We will explore 3D shapes and the different 2D shapes their faces are composed of.

History

We will be looking at events beyond living memory as we learn about Mary Anning.

PSHE—Heartsmart

This half term our Heartsmart focus is about...



Being HeartSmart is about loving others as well as ourselves.

PE

This half term, the children will develop and apply their dynamic balance on a line and stance through focused skill development sessions, thematic stories and games.

In this unit, the children will learn, develop and apply shapes and travel on the floor and apparatus through focused skill development, thematic warm-ups and games.

