

English

Pupils will write persuasive letters, focusing on tone, formality, and audience. They'll learn to debate effectively, using evidence to support their views. Later, they'll study and write Japanese *renga* poetry, exploring imagery and word choice.

Children will be reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* while developing comprehension skills through VIPERS. They'll also explore historical texts on the Victorians, persuasive articles, extracts from *A Christmas Carol*, and poetry.

Maths

This half term focuses on fractions—simplifying, comparing, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing them. Children will also tackle mixed-number problems before moving on to metric and imperial measures and problem-solving with units.

History

Pupils learn about protests and reforms in 19th-century Britain, including the Reform Act and Chartism. They'll explore life in workhouses, Victorian prisons, and schools to understand how society changed during this period.

Music

Pupils develop rhythm awareness, learning new patterns like *ti-tika* and *tika-ti* and exploring syncopation. They'll read, perform, and compose rhythmic pieces.

Science

Children explore how electricity is generated and how it travels. They'll build and draw circuits, investigate voltage, and test materials as conductors or insulators. They'll also experiment with switches, including designing a dimmer switch.

Geography

Children study longitude, latitude, time zones, and climate zones. They'll explore map projections and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, developing practical mapping and atlas skills.

Art

Children explore artists from the late 1800s, including Munch. They'll create mood-based artwork using sketching, oil pastels, and pointillism, developing expressive and technical art skills.

PSHE

This term focuses on behaviour, risk awareness, and respecting differences.

Computing

Children deepen their coding skills by programming interactive games. They'll use variables, loops, and conditionals, apply debugging, and combine all their skills to create games like "Flappy Bird."

RE

The question for the term is *How do Buddhists explain suffering in the world?* Pupils will study the Eightfold Path, Karma, and Reincarnation, and create Mandalas inspired by Buddhist moral teachings.

PE

Children build teamwork and tactical skills through handball. P.E. will take place on a Monday. Please can children come to school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Home learning opportunities: CGP SATs Buster 10-Minute Tests (Reading; Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Maths), Historical research.