



Autumn Term 2024

More about our topic...

This term in Year 1 and 2 we will start off the year by taking part in a local, historical study. For the first two weeks children will be expanding their locational knowledge and researching some famous Lincolnshire explorers such as Matthew Flinders.

After our historical study we will be moving on to a new topic named 'Phileas Fogg.' This is an incredibly exciting topic and we aim to make it a memorable one! We will be looking at the journey of Phileas Fogg as he travelled around the world in just 80 days! We will be studying the countries he visited and how he travelled to them along his magnificent journey. Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities, and we are looking forward to this new adventure!

Pupils will extend their geographical knowledge and will be able to locate the world's countries using maps, we will be thinking about the continents and how our seasons affect these. Our key books will be 'The Smeds and Smoods', 'Zog', 'The Ugly 5' and 'The Owl and the Pussycat' which are fantastic class books that the children will all enjoy.

Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our web pages to see the amazing learning taking place!



English

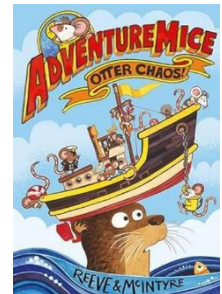
In English, we will be working on our written skills and our ability to write for different purposes through our topic. Some of the exciting writing opportunities this term includes examining and understanding stories with a patterned language, creating a letter for a purpose, traditional rhymes and creating an information text.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic.



They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. Children are actively encouraged to continue reading at home. Don't forget to use our wonderful local libraries – the books are free to borrow!

Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, drama and presentations.



Maths

Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Maths lessons will cover all aspects including, understanding number, using all four operations, measurement, geometry and statistics. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved. Next term we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction, length and height, and weight and volume.

Take home task to support work in school

To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could research Matthew Flinders. Go to the Market Place in Donington and have a look at the statue and the information board. Children can present their findings through a way of their choice. It could be a drawing of Matthew Flinders and his cat or writing some sentences about him. This will be a great help when we come to start our voyager's topic in September!

