

## English

This term we will be focusing on writing on the lines, capital letters, full stops to begin with and moving on to sentence writing with 'because' and 'and'. We will include drama into our English lessons as well as using our senses to help us with our descriptive language. We will be re-writing our own versions of stories, with new characters and different settings .

The topic for the first half of term is 'Adventure' and the books we are studying are:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
The Secret Shortcut  
There's a Snake in my School  
Explorers of the Wild  
Handa Surprise

The topic of the second half term is 'Happy Homes' and the books we are studying are:

A Place Called Home  
Let's Build a House  
Where Happiness Lives  
One Snowy Night  
T'was the Night Before Christmas

## Music

We will be going on adventures using recorded music to help us choose our settings. We will learn some songs about adventure and will explore the sounds of different instruments whilst soundscaping.

## Geography

Our first topic is 'Our Local Area'. We will know the importance of 'address', what we find in Rickmansworth, where Rickmansworth is in relation to the country and the world and collect data on how we travel to school.

The next topic will look at different houses and buildings. The children will learn about a range of living environments, the uses of a range of buildings, the rooms we find in a house, and they collect data about what type of home everyone lives in.

## PSHE—Being Me in My World

We will be learning about how we make others feel welcome, our own feelings, making our community a better place, caring for others and how to work well with others.

## Maths—The areas we hope to study this term:

- Positional language and ordinal numbers
- Finding patterns in numbers to 10 (including subitising)
- Estimating, ordering and finding more and less
- Regrouping the whole (Whole-Part models)
- Problem solving using Whole-Part models
- Making 10 and some more
- Doubling and halving
- Odd and even numbers
- Names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes

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## PE

Indoor: First half term we will be doing gymnastics through story telling of the different Traditional Tales. Second half term, we will be looking at the different seasons and creating dances that fit each season.

Outdoor: First half term we will be building up at the skills of attacking and defending. Second half term we will be using our new skills for invasion games.

## Science:

First half term: Materials. The Children will learn about everyday materials and their properties. We will compare man made and natural materials, as well as undergoing a float or sink experiment.

**Second half term: Seasons—Autumn and Winter:** The children will be focussing on the seasons of autumn and winter. Through observations, investigations and data the children will look at the changes that happen to the environment in these seasons.

**Homework:** Maths homework will be given out on Mondays with answers. This is so you can check your child's work at home. This needs to be returned by the Friday. In addition to this, on Monday's a set of spellings will be uploaded onto School Jotter to be learnt to be tested the following Monday. <https://arnethills.home.schooljotter2.com> This can also be found on the school website under the children tab, then click on homework and the link is in red. User name and password can be found in the front of your child's reading record.

## Computing

We will revisit the importance of e-safety, and learn how to log on and off the computers. We will familiarise ourselves with the schools new and exciting computer scheme that we will be using in our lessons next term.

## RE

We will be sharing at what we are thankful for in nature and how different religions celebrate thankfulness. We will also learn about light and dark and winter festivals.

## Art/ DT

In Art we will be experimenting with mixing paints. We will look at how artists use different colours to express meaning. After half term we will be learning different ways of using clay and linking our art to R.E. to create diva lamps used in celebrating Diwali.