

Science

- In Science, we are looking at Seasonal Change!
- We will be able to identify, describe and compare the changes of each season and when they happen in the year
- We are always thinking about our Science Skills and how and why we are using them - asking questions, making predictions, setting up tests, observing and measuring, recording data, interpreting results and evaluating.

Mathematics

- This autumn we will continue to follow the super White Rose Maths scheme in our year groups.
- We will begin with lots of work on counting and Place Value, learning to subitise and to recognise the value of the numerals in 1 and 2-digit numbers. Reception will match numbers to objects, compare size and spot patterns, whilst Y1 and 2 will partition numbers, write numbers in words and explore less than, equal to and greater than.
- We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction, when we practise adding and taking away 1 and 2-digit numbers.
- We will again embed Mental Maths skills by taking part in regular sessions where we play maths games and choose and work on special Fluency Targets with a teacher, for example learning to name the days of the week. remember and recall number bonds to 20.

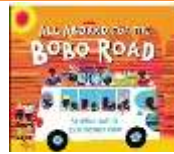
Computing

- In Computing, we are will be all about 'Technology Around Us'. We will be thinking about different types of technology and their uses within home, school and the outside world.
- We will also be developing our typing skills on the keyboard.
- Our online safety focus will be Copyright and Ownership.

Hedgehogs: Autumn 1 2026

West African Adventure

Hello and Welcome! ☺



Social Justice & Conservation

Fairtrade
Harvesting our crops
Baking using school apples
Weekly Picture News

Art & D/T

- In Art will begin by practising our observation skills, creating bright self-portrait paintings and pictures of autumn objects like leaves and apples to display in church.
- We will also explore colourful artworks and jewellery from Burkina Faso,
- In Food Technology we will taste and compare a variety of foods from different cultures- including seasonal UK veg and recipes from Bukina Faso.

Music

- As well as singing lots of songs about Harvest, in Music we are going to get stuck into a unit of work called "Everyone!"
- We will explore nursery rhymes and action songs such as Win the Bobbin, Rock a Bye Baby and Twinkle Twinkle.
- We will listen and respond to different styles of music, learn to sing or sing along, improvise and then play classroom instruments, and share and perform the learning that has taken place.

Enrichment Activities

- This autumn we will embrace the season by harvesting our fruit and veg and preparing some delicious foods to taste, including comparing tropical fruits with those grown in Eyam.
- We will also take part in an African cooking workshop with Stela's Kitchen and an African Drumming session.
- We have got some outdoor and sporty fun planned, including a Sorts Festival in Matlock, Forest School and cross-country running.
- Finally, we will enjoy joining in with whole school Harvest Festival celebrations, including practising and performing a whole-class song- "Big Blue Tractor"- in church.

PE

We will be developing our PE fundamentals this half term. This includes running, throwing, skipping, hopping, balance and coordination.

English

- An important part of English in Hedgehog Class is our daily Phonics sessions where we work in small groups to learn our letters and sounds and to practise reading and spelling, and this term we are excited to begin using a brilliant new Phonics scheme, "Little Wandle". We also have regular handwriting, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Guided Reading lessons. Sound and spelling homework will also soon be sent home for all year groups to help support what we learn in class ☺
In our non-fiction work we will practise writing our names and facts about ourselves, as well as reading and reciting lots of lovely nursery rhymes and poems.
- Reception will explore a range of picture books linked to starting school and to Autumn, listening to and talking about the stories and pictures.
- Finally, as part of our Topic this Autumn we are going to read, discuss, act out and write about "All Aboard the Bobo Road" by Stephen Davies, a vibrant picture book set in contemporary Burkina Faso.

Topic Work

- Our Topic has a real Geography focus this autumn. We will name and locate on a map and globe the Earth's equator, 7 continents and 5 oceans, before learning to locate Burkina Faso on a world map and know some facts about life there.
- We will identify similarities and differences between the UK and Burkina Faso, for example weather, animals and wildlife, foods, school, transport and artwork.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural

- In our RE lessons we will ask "What do Christians believe God is like as a provider and creator?" We will learn about the different Harvest celebrations enjoyed by Christians and Jews, including Sukkot.
- We will continue with our focus on Spirituality too, fostering awe and wonder as we explore our senses outdoors.
- In PSHE we will begin "Exploring Emotions". We will learn a range of words to describe feelings; understand that all feelings are ok; understand that feelings can affect how our bodies feel and behave; explore how to recognise different feelings; talk about how we recognise what others might be feeling and explore different ways to manage big and uncomfortable feelings.