

Key dates

Most key dates can be found on our school newsletters and on the school website.

Wednesday 18th November – Owl Class Assembly

Thursday 19th November – Hedgehog Class Assembly

Friday 20th November – Children in Need

Friday 4th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day and Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December – Christmas party lunch and afternoon

Friday 18th December – End of Autumn term

Monday 4th January – Inset training day (school closed)

Tuesday 5th January – Start of Spring term

Autumn 2

What Makes a Hero?



English

We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills whilst moving on to Phase 5 phonics, helping children to become increasingly confident readers and writers. We will also focus on refining letter formation and applying our phonics knowledge in independent writing. Our key texts this half term will be *Dragon Post* by Emma Yarlett and *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. Using these engaging stories as inspiration, the children will explore both fiction and non-fiction writing, creating a guide explaining how to care for a dragon and writing their own sequel to *I Want My Hat Back*.

Maths

We will be looking closely at numbers 6-10 and practising our fluency with number facts. Children will also explain their mathematical thinking and solve problems using part-whole and bar models. We will spend 1 week on positional language, 1 week on time and 3 weeks looking at shape. We will be exploring patterns and 2d and 3d shapes.

Science

We will be looking at everyday materials and their properties. The children will learn to identify and compare different materials, considering why particular materials are used for specific purposes. Through practical investigations, they will explore the suitability of materials and carry out an enquiry to discover which material is best at keeping something dry.

History

We will be looking at our market town, St Ives, through the ages, exploring trade and everyday life in the past. Children will compare life in St Ives today with what it was like for people who lived here long ago.



PSHE

We will look at 'Myself and My Relationships' with a specific focus on bullying where we will discuss how to recognise this and what to do about it.

We will also talk about the acronym STOP linked to bullying, meaning it has happened 'Several Times On Purpose' and how this is different to making a single wrong choice.

This will involve Anti-Bullying week which is the week beginning 16th November. The theme is 'Break the Silence'.



Art and Design Technology

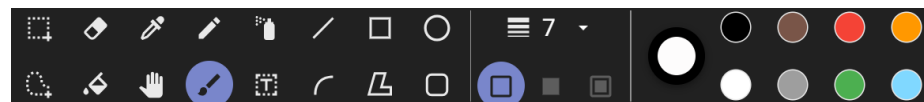
We will be making Christmas Cards using our skills from our computing topic of digital painting. We will also be making Christingles using candles and oranges which will link to our RE for this half term.

We will continue to develop our cutting, joining and design skills while creating festive projects linked to our learning.



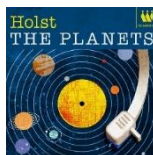
Computing

We will develop our understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. We will then use these tools to create our own digital artwork, inspired by the work of different artists. As part of this learning, the children will develop their confidence in using technology creatively and safely.



Music

We will listen to and appraise a range of styles of music, including Mars from the Planet Suite by Holst. We will also continue to learn about the different dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.) through games.



PE

In PE this half term the children will be learning the basics of invasion games and gymnastics. They will develop their agility, balance and coordination whilst learning how to work cooperatively with others and perform simple sequences of movements.

Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **THURSDAY**.

Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Indoor PE

- White T-shirt or Red T-Shirt
 - Blue/Black Shorts
 - Bare feet

Outdoor PE (weather permitting)

- White T-shirt or Red T-Shirt
- Blue/Black shorts or Tracksuit bottoms
 - Tracksuit top
 - Trainers

RE

This term, children will explore the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas, learning how and why people mark these special occasions. They will discover different traditions and their meanings, develop an understanding of why the birth of Jesus is important to Christians, and be encouraged to recognise similarities and differences between religious celebrations while reflecting on special times celebrated each year.

