



Petersfield Church of England School

Curriculum Information

Yew Class, Autumn Term 2024



English

Over the term, we will work on writing for different purposes and audiences, choosing the appropriate grammatical structures, punctuation and vocabulary to suit. We will also focus on editing, improving and proofreading skills. We will write narratives inspired by the books "Night of the Gargoyles" and "Wisp: A Story of Hope"; non-chronological reports on an invented planet; and persuasive speeches based on some of the most famous speeches from history.

In reading, we will use a range of texts, including poetry, to improve skills of inference and to justify our opinions by referring to the text. Our class book for this term will be *Running on the Roof of the World* by Jess Butterworth.

We will develop spelling and handwriting skills throughout the term.

RE

We will look into Christianity and why it doesn't always look the same. We will also explore places in the world which are significant to believers.

PSHE:

We will look at how to build positive relationships through listening with heart and recognising that people can show some feelings on the outside but might feel different on the inside. We will look at ways to recognise and cope with being overwhelmed.

Mathematics

In the autumn term we will be studying:

Place Value: numbers up to 8 digits; rounding; negative numbers, Roman Numerals.

Number: formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; factors, multiples and primes; solving multi-step problems.

Fractions: comparing and ordering fractions; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions; equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.



Geography

We will be identifying the major mountains and rivers of the world and the UK and locating them on a variety of maps. We will study the processes through which mountains, including volcanoes, are formed and how rivers shape the landscape. The children will undertake fieldwork and present the data they have gathered and we will look at how people use mountain and river environments.

Science

This term, we will be studying **living things and their habitats**. We will classify and group animals based on their characteristics, explore microorganisms and learn about the work of Carl Linnaeus.

We will also study **electricity** including the recognised symbols for representing electrical circuits and how the voltage, the number of cells and the position of switches in circuits affects other components.

Art: We will be looking at how artists convey a message, exploring imagery, symbols, expressive mark making and chiaroscuro.

DT: We will programme a digital monitoring device and use 3D drawing software to combine multiple objects.

Music: First, we will learn to sing, compose and perform pop songs influenced by other musical genres (eg soul, country, soft rock). Then we will investigate the importance of improvising in Jazz.

Spanish: Pupils will be learning greetings, numbers and the alphabet. They will find out how to describe themselves and others. Towards Christmas time, we will look at Christmas cultures and traditions.

Computing: We will use the design software Tinkercad to investigate designing in 3D.

PE: This term we will be developing skills, tactics and teamwork in Netball, Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, Dance and Hockey.