

English

***As readers and writers:** We will use the book "Street Child" by Bertie Deherty. This will provide many writing opportunities including diaries, character profiles, stories, reports and poems. We will also look at the life and words of Charles Dickens and aim to write a biography. There will be a strong focus on grammar through this text including standard English, modal verbs, conjunctions and active and passive voice. We will look also at advanced punctuation in direct and reported speech, colons and semi-colons and parenthesis. Our whole class reading will again be chosen by the children.*

Computing

***As digital citizens:** We will look at internet safety and how something online can be seen and affect others. We will consider the use of databases for census information and look at branching databases in the form of family trees.*

Personal, Social and Health Education

Children will continue looking at role models and how their voice and contribution is important in school and the community. We will also focus on anti-bullying campaigns as part of the national Anti-bullying Week.

Physical Education

We will be learning, and perfecting, our hockey skills. We will be outside as much as possible so it is important that children have appropriate footwear and kit. The sports coaching sessions will continue throughout this term and will focus on gymnastics.

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History

***As historians:** There is a lot to cover in this topic. We will look at Queen Victoria and her reign and legacy. We will consider what life was like for both rich and poor people during the Victorian times. We will consider local history and study local buildings and census records to build up a picture of what life was like in Buckfast and Buckfastleigh during Victorian times. We will look at the lives of children including school life for those lucky ones. We will also study industrial advances including the development of the railways. We will consider crime and punishment of the time.*

Scientific Study

***As scientists:** We will learn about light and how we see. We will consider reflection, refraction and the science of seeing colour spectrums. We will look at light filters and create our own secret codes. We will also look at the development of electricity including how light bulbs work and are made. We will also look at circuit diagrams.*

French Studies

***As linguists:** We will continue revising and developing new language, talking about school and numbers. This will be practical to encourage the pupils to develop their language skills.*

Music

***As musicians:** We will be learning about Victorian music halls and composers of the time. We will also be learning some popular songs from the musical "Oliver!"*

Mathematical Study

***As mathematicians:** We are going to continue our learning of calculation and problem solving by looking at multi-step word problems and puzzles for addition and subtraction. We are then going to move on to learning various methods of short and long multiplication and division. We will look at how division relates to fractions, decimals and ratio as well as learning about factors and prime numbers. We will then progress to using number skills in the context of geometry, particularly looking at angles within shapes. The children will be taught how they can use their knowledge of number and calculation to reason, explain and talk about their learning.*

Religious Education

Children will explore in depth the Sacrament of Baptism. They will also gain an understanding of the symbols associated with the Sacraments. Children will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of what God promised when he sent his Son. Titles such as "Messiah" and "Emmanuel" will provide insight into the nature of Jesus as well as the role of the prophets who help to prepare us for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Art and Design and Technology

***As artists:** We will focus the art around puppetry including Punch and Judy. We will look at children's paper theatres. We will consider the designs of William Morris and design our own wallpaper.*

***As designers:** We will focus on Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his elaborate and innovative bridge designs.*