Year

Key Areas of Learning

**How does land use in Texas compare to the Cotswolds?**

Year 3/4

Autumn Term – 2023

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As **geographers**, we will be using atlases and other maps to discover the different types of landscape and climate in North America and where we live. We will learn about grid references and use them to look at a variety of human and physical features. Throughout the term we will compare how land is used in our local area and in Texas, USA and consider the impact that humans have on their environment, both good and bad.

As **scientists**, we will be studying light. We will identify different light sources, both natural and artificial as well as exploring why we need light to see. Over the course of the term, we will investigate the reflections and shadows that different objects cast and how to change them.

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Our theme is ‘Being Me in My World.’ Children will be thinking about caring friendships, respectful relationships and online relationships.

PSHE

Music

We will be looking at music from South America. Maple class will also be learning to play the guitar.

The children will be playing football, learning which part of the foot to use to pass, how to dribble and the best way to receive a pass.

We will also be doing some gymnastics with a focus on symmetry and asymmetry.

RE

We will be asking the question: Does taking bread and wine show that someone is a Christian?

Children will explore the ritual of communion and other ways of belonging to the church.

This term our focus will be on painting. Children will be exploring how to create different effects using a variety of paint types and tools. They will look at some abstract artists and use their work to inspire their own abstract paintings.

This term the children will be thinking about how to be safe online. They will learn the acronym SMART and think about how to apply these rules in their day to day online worlds.

As linguists, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves in French and start understanding some basic grammar. Our topics will include numbers, birthdays, colours and greetings.

Our value for this term is friendship. What makes a good friend? How we can be friends to others? How do we manage disagreements in a respectful way? We will also be revisiting our school vision: Shine as Lights in the World and what this means in our everyday lives.

Spirit, Moral, Social and Cultural Awareness

In English this term we will be writing persuasive posters. Goblins have been spotted in school, causing chaos and we need to persuade a goblin catcher to come and help us!

We will be reading The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo.

Art

French

PE

Computing

This term the focus is on place value and number:

* partitioning
* numbers to 10,000
* rounding
* Roman numerals
* Negative numbers
* ordering and comparing numbers
* counting in steps of 10, 100, 1000

Maths

English