

UKS2 Learning for Life Curriculum Tree (Cycle A) Autumn 2024-25

Science

Electricity

The children will apply prior learning to create circuits which are more intricate and will explore ways to create circuits which meet a given criteria.

Animals including humans

In this unit, we will explore how humans and animals change with age.

The children will explore a range of Scientists during these units of work.



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English

The Secret Message – John Townsend

Children will read the story 'The Secret Message' and write a persuasive recruitment speech for the war. They will also write a diary extract from a WW1 soldier in the trenches. In addition, they will study a variety of war poetry and write their own war poem using various poetic features such as: onomatopoeia, metaphors, alliteration etc. Children will develop their reading skills throughout to help them understand the main points of the story and answer comprehension questions. Children will also take part in code breaking activities throughout the story.

The Piano

Children to watch the Literacy Shed video 'The Piano' and take part in activities that help them to interpret and understand the various emotions, actions and memories of the main character. Children will write a flashback narrative based on this video stimulus.

The Christmas Truce

Children will write the story of the Christmas truce, as told through the Sainsbury's Christmas advert, from the perspective of a British and German soldier.



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Mathematics

Year 5 - Number and place value; mental and written addition and subtraction.

Application of the above in problem solving and reasoning.

Year 6 - Number and place value; arithmetic practice; mental and written addition and subtraction.

Application of the above in problem solving and reasoning.

We will be following the Power Maths scheme. Daily fluency sessions will recap key facts and skills, including times tables and place value concepts.



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Computing

Online Safety

The children will recap their knowledge on how to remain safe when working online, which is especially important in today's digital world.

Blogging

The children will create blogs on a given topic which are informative and fun. They will explore what information they should include on blogs and what to not include in order to protect their identities.



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RE

Teaching, Wisdom and Authority

The children will explore different teachings from a variety of religions, as well as looking at people in positions of authority and the wisdom of their passions. The children will consider how these relate to their own lives.



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Art / DT

Torches

The children will create working torches using their electrical circuit knowledge.

Sculpture

The children will be creating WWI gardens and will work in the style of Henry Moore to create perspective artwork.



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Music

'Living on a Prayer' and 'Classroom Jazz'

The children will play in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Seasonal singing and production practice

Understand a wide range of high-quality recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great musicians. This includes celebrating harvest festival.



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Events

- Educational visit about WWI. Dates tbc.
- Christmas production – Play type to be confirmed.



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PSHE

British Values; Identifying Strengths and Goal Setting; Community belonging.

The children will explore British Values through assemblies. They will look at growth mindset and resilience in terms of acknowledging their strengths and setting their own goals.



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Languages - Spanish

- Buildings, directions and weather.
- Days of the week, including time.
- Food.



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History / Geography

WWI and WWII

This fabulous topic will explore the causes of the world wars and the daily life in Britain during this time. The children will have opportunities to explore the impact this had on children and imagine they are evacuees leaving home. They will consider the impact of war on people's lives, including the long-term consequences.



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PE

Gymnastics (Balance)

Our aim will be for the children to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. They will work in small groups or pairs to create a sequence using the described skills.

Netball (Teamwork skills)

The children will learn to work as a team to recap and refine skills, including passing and scoring. The activities will allow them to develop skills and then apply these to mini games.



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Ready, Respectful, Safe