

TOPICS & THEMES

★ YEAR 2 HEDGEHOGS ★



AUTUMN TERM

THEME: FROM TIBSHELF TO THE WORLD

Children explore:

- Their local area, Tibshelf and Derbyshire
- The UK and world geography, including continents and oceans
- London as the capital city
- Living things and habitats
- Everyday materials and their uses
- Victorian children and how life has changed over time

KEY TEXTS

- The Journey Home – retelling stories
- Dear Earth – poetry
- Toys in Space – commas
- The Dragon Machine – character description

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

- DT: Moving Monsters (mechanisms)
- Art: Explore and Draw
- Computing: Technology Around Us and Digital Photography
- Music: Great Fire of London and Toys
- RE: Judaism and Festivals of Light
- PE: Fundamentals and Dance



SPRING TERM

THEME: WONDERFUL WORLDS AND GROWING MINDS

Children investigate:

- Comparing Kenya and England
- Human growth and life cycles
- Healthy lifestyles
- Significant monarchs: Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II
- Food, exercise and hygiene

KEY TEXTS

- The Bear and the Piano – newspaper report
- The Bear Under the Stairs – fact file
- Tadpole's Promise – possessional apostrophe

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

- DT: Baby Bear's Chair (structures)
- Art: Mono Printing
- Computing: Robot Algorithms and Pictograms
- Music: Jupiter and Folk Songs
- RE: Christianity and Islam
- PE: Gymnastics and Ball Skills



SUMMER TERM

THEME: FROM GARDEN TO GALAXY

Children learn about:

- Plant growth and life cycles
- Habitats and ecosystems
- Mapping, aerial views and compass directions
- Famous pioneers and explorers including Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman, Tim Peake and George Stephenson

KEY TEXTS

- Rosie Revere Engineer – descriptive writing
- If All the World Were – poetry
- Jim and the Beanstalk – narrative writing

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

- DT: Balanced Diet and Cooking
- Art: Stick Sculptures
- Computing: Digital Music and Programming Quizzes
- Music: Four Seasons and Oceans
- PE: Invasion Games and Athletics
- RE: Sacred Books and Caring for Others



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 1 Colour Run
- 2 Christmas Nativity
- 3 Pantomime
- 4 Parent Lunches
- 5 Parents' Evenings
- 6 Chatsworth Farm Park visit
- 7 Mini Marathon
- 8 Sports Day
- 9 Beach Day
- 10 Transition activities and Leavers' Assembly



CURRICULUM DRIVERS

Throughout the year, pupils develop:

- 1 Reading, writing and maths mastery
- 2 Scientific enquiry
- 3 Computing and digital skills
- 4 Creativity through art, music and design
- 5 Physical confidence and teamwork
- 6 Understanding of British Values
- 6 Respect for different cultures, faiths and communities



TIBSHELF VALUES



Imaginative



Brave



Skilful



Honest



Enthusiastic



Lifelong Learners



Friendly

CURIOUS MINDS • BRAVE HEARTS • HEDGEHOG HEROES!

