



Spring 1 in Middlecott

English

In English, we will be reading *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. Through this magical story, we'll explore themes of emotions, empathy, and the power of storytelling. Together, we'll discuss the meaning behind the Tear Thief's nightly journey, analyse the beautiful illustrations by Nicoletta Ceccoli, and reflect on how our own feelings can be expressed through stories. Get ready for an enchanting adventure filled with valuable lessons!

Outdoor Learning and PE Days

This term, we have Outdoor Learning on a **Wednesday**. Children will need a spare pair of shoes or wellies as well as a coat to ensure they keep warm! On **Thursday**, we have Mr Pierce for PE. Children can come in wearing their PE kit. Don't forget a school jumper to keep warm! Our other PE day is term is a **Tuesday**.

In PE this term, the children will be focusing on dance, exploring how movement, rhythm, and expression can come together to tell a story or convey emotions. We will learn to move in time to music, developing their coordination, balance, and spatial awareness.



Maths

In Maths this term, Year 3 and 4 will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, building confidence in using times tables and developing strategies to solve problems efficiently. Pupils will learn to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios, improving their mental maths skills and understanding of number patterns.

We will also explore Measurement, with a focus on Length and Perimeter. The children will learn how to measure accurately using standard units, compare lengths, and calculate the perimeter of simple shapes. Through hands-on activities and practical challenges, they will see how these skills are used in everyday life.

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Science

In science, we will be continuing our learning of states of matter. The children will explore freezing and melting where they will take accurate measurements and graph their results. They will also explore the water cycle and experiment how evaporation rates can be increased.

When learning about the water cycle, children can look forward to acting out the water cycle with their peers and making their own model of the water cycle. We will also explore signs of evaporation, condensation and collection on the school site.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about Dreams and Goals, focusing on how to set personal ambitions and work towards achieving them. We will also focus on building the skills and mindset needed to pursue goals, face challenges head-on, and celebrate progress along the way.



Design Technology

In Design and Technology (DT) this term, we will be focusing on creating moving cars using materials such as lollipop sticks, wheels, dowels, and straws. Pupils will build a sturdy car chassis and design the body of the car, carefully considering how its shape will affect air resistance and overall performance. Once the cars are constructed, Middlecott will have the opportunity to test and refine their designs to ensure their vehicles move efficiently. This exciting hands-on project combines creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills.

History

This term in History, we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons. We'll investigate the key question: *Who were the Anglo-Saxons, and how do we know what was important to them?* Through studying historical sources, artefacts, and key archaeological discoveries—like the famous Sutton Hoo burial site—we'll uncover clues about their daily lives, beliefs, and culture.

We will learn about the impact the Anglo-Saxons had on Britain, from their settlements and storytelling to their lasting influence on our language and traditions. Get ready to step back in time and become history detectives!

Music

In Music this term, we will be exploring the wonderful world of ballads—songs that tell powerful stories through music and lyrics. We will learn to perform a ballad using actions, focusing on expressing the story through movement and gestures. As part of our journey, we'll retell the story of an animation through song, summarising its key moments and emotions. We will also enjoy weekly music sessions with Pat!

Computing

In Computing this term, Middlecott will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited using various software tools. They will practise techniques such as cropping, resizing, adjusting colours, and applying filters, and explore how to resave and reuse these edited images in different projects.



Religion and World Views

PEOPLE OF GOD: What is it like to follow God?

In RE (Religious Education) this term, we will be exploring key beliefs, practises, and traditions from different religions, helping us understand how faith shapes people's lives and values. Through stories, discussions, and reflection, pupils will learn about important religious festivals, symbols, and places of worship, deepening their appreciation for diverse cultures and beliefs. We'll also consider big questions about life, purpose, and morality, encouraging pupils to share their own thoughts while respecting the perspectives of others. This term's lessons will inspire curiosity, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the world around us.