

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this half-term. Since September, we have worked hard, had fun and made some wonderful connections between different areas of the curriculum, which has been superb. We've received a letter from King Charles II, made mammoths, written fabulous stories and visited a museum – and that's just a little glimpse into the learning that has taken place in our classroom.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, we thought it would be helpful for you to have a more detailed idea of what we are learning about... As always, please contact us with any questions, celebrations or concerns.

Ms Czubaj, Mrs McLeod and Miss Walton.

### English

**The Ever-Changing Earth** by Grahame Baker-Smith

Outcomes: Informal letters, explanatory leaflets, list poems, dictionary of terms  
Main outcome: Narrative sequel as a class book

#### **Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation**

- Expressing time, place and cause
- Introduction to paragraphs
- Headings and subheadings to aid presentation
- Use of the present perfect form of verbs
- Fronted adverbials
- Use of commas after fronted adverbials

### Geography

#### **Spatial Sense**

Compass directions  
Maps, including the local area – aerial views.  
Ordnance survey maps  
Map symbols  
Grid references

### Reading

**The Ice Monster** - David Walliams

### Maths

Geometry  
Time and money

### Computer science

Video production

### RE

What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

### PE

Real PE games with a focus on jumping and landing and dynamic balances.

### Music

In music this half term lower juniors will be exploring the keyboards and developing their five finger technique in both hands.

### Art

In art lessons, Lower Juniors will be continuing their explorations of colour, pattern and mark making. Students will discover this half term how these formal elements of art combine to create a design, through studying Matisse's collages. Useful website-  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-henri-matisse>

## Lower Juniors Autumn 2

### Drama

Drama skills and creating Drama for an audience.

### PSHE

Bystanders  
Online safety

### Science

#### **Space Stargazers**

- Can I name the planets and order them correctly?
- Can I research the characteristics of planets?
- Can I organise my knowledge of the planets into a presentation?
- Can I explore the size and scale of the solar system?
- Do I know who Neil Armstrong was and why he is famous?
- Can I identify the phases of the moon?
- Can I explain how the solar system gives us days and months?

