

All Saints Primary School

Diamond Class



Ready, Steady, Go!

For the first half of this term we will be focusing on journeys and transport such as cars, planes, and trains. After half term we will be moving on to a Space theme with adventures in rockets!

Super Starter

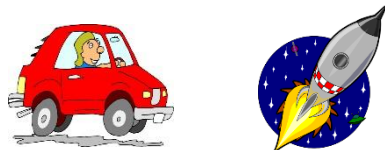
A trip to the local garage

Marvellous Middle

Haynes Motor Museum trip and follow up activities

Fabulous Finish

Space café for parents



We will be reading:

- The Gingerbread Man
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Mrs Armitage on Wheels
By Quentin Blake
- The Journey
By Aaron Becker
- Q Pootle 5
By Nick Butterworth
- Whatever Next
By Jill Murphy

Design & Technology

As part of a joint DT project with Topaz class we will be exploring, evaluating, designing and making our own cars using a variety of resources, from lego to recyclable materials and wood.

History

Throughout the topic we will be looking at how transport has developed. We will focus specifically on the development of cars, the first plane flight and the man getting to the moon which will include the work of the Wright Brothers.

Geography and PSHE

We will continue to look at the world around us as we learn about the countries where 4 particular children live – Brazil, India, Russia and Ethiopia. We will study their lifestyles and the local landscape, choosing one to compare with Bishops Caundle.

English

During this topic, the children will have the experiences of narrative forms of writing as well as non-fiction. They will be learning about the skills that are needed to re-tell, write and innovate the story of The Gingerbread Man as we look at the journey that he takes. Following this, we will look at information texts about The Wright Brothers, how cars work and also write a recount of the trip to Haynes Motor Museum.

The daily teaching of Word Mechanics (phonics) will continue. Reception children will become more familiar with digraphs (two letters that make one sound, e.g. ch, sh, oo) and will begin to apply these to their reading and writing. Year 1 children will be encouraged to recognise alternative spellings, for example ch/tch ending to words.

Mathematics

Following the learning that happened last term, there will be a large focus on reading and interpreting addition and subtraction number sentences whilst deciding on the strategies and resources to use to calculate these. This will form part of the children's morning activities where we will also look carefully at the formation of numbers.

Counting in 2s and 10s will introduce the concept of multiplication and is something that children could rehearse daily at home too.

Alongside lots of number work we will look at telling the time, rehearsing and spelling the days of the week and sequencing events throughout the day.

There will also be opportunities through teaching and learning through play to promote measuring through weight, length and height.

Science

Diamond Class will be investigating plants this term, deciding on the necessities for healthy plant growth and how to look after these.

As well as learning about plants, the Enrichment session on a Wednesday afternoon will bring the children's attention to the seasons of Winter and Spring. They will explore outside and observe seasonal and weather changes.

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<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>PE will continue to be on a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. The skills involved with controlling balls will continue to be developed through striking and fielding as well as Hockey.</p> <p>Additionally children will continue to develop balance, agility and co-ordination through a range of activities including gymnastics and dance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>The children will use and operate cameras and I pads to record their own learning.</p> <p>Alongside this, the children will develop an understanding of “algorithms”, recognising these as the <i>idea</i> of writing programs to complete simple tasks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>RE will follow the theme of Celebrations, looking specifically at this through the religion of Hinduism.</p> <p>As we near the celebration of Easter, the children will engage in a variety of activities as they learn about the Easter story.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Key Dates</p>		
<p>Tuesday 9th January – A visit to Bishops Caundle garage.</p> <p>Monday 22nd January – Diamond and Topaz trip to Haynes Motor Museum.</p> <p>Diamond and Topaz class invite you to attend one of our Stay and Play sessions: Thursday 1st February - PM or Friday 2nd February –AM (<i>further details will be released in the upcoming weeks</i>).</p> <p>Monday 5th February – Whole school trip to Bristol Science Museum as part of Science Week.</p> <p>Thursday 1st March – 2.45pm Diamond and Topaz Celebration Assembly.</p> <p>Friday 23rd March – 3:30pm Diamond and Topaz class space café for families to attend.</p>		