Specialist-Led Learning

Expert teaching, Richer Learning

Alongside their class teacher, children learn with specialist staff across our wider curriculum.



Ridwan – Computing



Developing digital communication and creation skills through iMedia - iCommunicate Level 3.



Jack – PE



Developing netball and swimming skills including control, teamwork and confidence in the water.



Dan – Music



Exploring songwriting with glockenspiels through rhythm, melody and performance skills.



Olivier – French



Explore **local places** including directions, maps and vocabulary for locations, while building sentences in French.

Swimming at Halley

Monday is swimming day.

Our aim is for every child to leave primary school able to **swim 25 metres** confidently and safely.

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Learning Conversations at Home

You can support your child by talking with them about what they have been learning during the day or week. You do not need to know the answers — showing an interest, asking questions and encouraging them to explain their thinking helps them make connections and remember their learning.

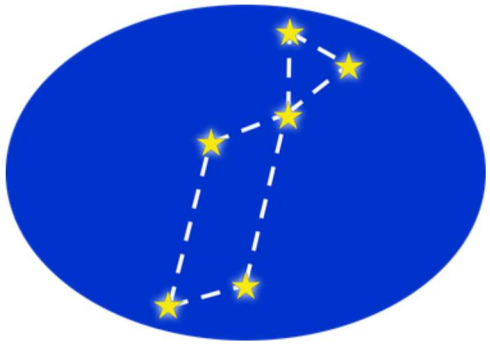
Questions you could ask:

- What did you learn today?
- What was the most interesting thing you found out?
- What new word did you learn?
- What did you find tricky?
- Can you teach me something you learned?
- What would you like to find out more about?

Key Vocabulary to Revisit

role model • resistance
• racism • empire
• gravity • friction
• nutrition • agnostic

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Lyra Class

Including all learners achieving their best

Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn Term

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English

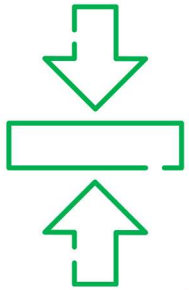
Children will explore Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees, Stolen History and Dancing in the Rain. They will write a biography, persuasive speech, explanation text and poetry, developing increasingly sophisticated vocabulary and sentence structures.



Science

Big Question: How can a boat float?

Children will investigate gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will also explore how levers, pulleys and gears can make forces more effective.

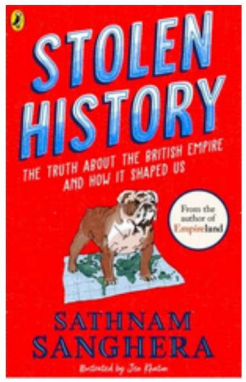


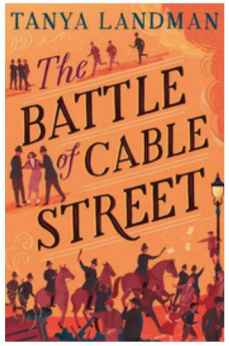
History and Geography

Children will locate Uganda using atlas skills and learn about George the Poet. They will explore the Bristol Bus Boycott and Battle of Cable Street, comparing how people have challenged racism and brought about change.

Contemporary Black Role Models Who stood up against racism in Britain?

Reading





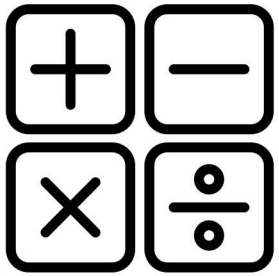
Children will develop fluency, vocabulary and comprehension through whole-class reading and high-quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry. They will practise skills such as retrieval, inference, summarising, vocabulary in context and explaining ideas using evidence from the text.

Design & Technology

Big Question: Why are our diets so different?

Children will explore nutrition and diets from different cultures, develop practical cooking skills and evaluate and improve what they make.

Maths



Children will strengthen their understanding of place value before developing their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying these to calculations and problem solving.

Religious Education

Big Question: What reasons do people give for believing or not believing in God? Children will explore Christian, atheist and agnostic viewpoints, considering different reasons people give for their beliefs and ideas about how the world began.

Personal Social Health Education

Children will learn about the benefits of living in a diverse community and how to recognise and report discrimination.

Resilient ★ Ambitious ★ Healthy ★ Creative ★ Confident ★ Independent ★ Respect