

**In English we will learn to:**

- respond to a text
- compare texts
- use adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes
- use exclamation marks
- write an alternative ending to a story
- continue to use basic sentence structure including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

This half term our focus text will be Prince Cinders by Babette Cole. We will be reading the Traditional Tale 'Cinderella' alongside this and compare the stories.

In Design & Technology we will learn to:

- learn about freestanding structures
- design, make and evaluate a bridge for the general public for transport across the River Tyne.

In Music we will learn to:

- find and keep a steady pulse
- play or clap simple rhythmic patterns using long and short sounds - respond to different high and low pitches
- keep a steady beat when improvising
- improvising using one, two or three notes
- listen to music carefully, move to the music
- respond to questions and use any musical words you know

What will we be learning?

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In Science we will learn to:

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

In PE we will learn to:

- control and co-ordinate our bodies to perform movements that represent and explorer preparing for an expedition
- use movements that show a range of action, speed and level to create a dance
- add movements together to create a dance.

In Maths we will learn to:

- recognise 2D and 3D shapes
- count sides and vertices on 2D shapes
- draw 2D shapes
- recognise and use symmetry
- sort shapes
- count faces and edges on 3D shapes
- make patterns with shapes

In Geography we will learn to:

- make a simple map - use photos to locate a familiar place
- look at a simple map of the local area and observe things we have seen
- draw simple sketches
- use basic geographical knowledge to refer to human and physical features such as a city, town, village and river

In RE we will answer the question:

- What can we learn about Buddha?

In Computing we will learn:

- to use computing skills on a laptop