

Lewis Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back — we hope you had a lovely break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

Our Topic: Big Conversations & Debate

This term, we will be exploring important social issues that shape the world around us. From the environment and animal rights to mental health, wellbeing, and British values.

Learning will focus on building confident speaking and debate skills, empowering children to voice their own opinions while practicing curiosity, independence, and deep respect for the views of others.

What your child will be learning

English

Students will study Susan Hill's *The Woman in Black* alongside the Gothic genre. They will explore the conventions and features of Gothic literature, considering how writers create suspense, tension and a sense of fear.

Students will investigate how setting influences the atmosphere and events of the story, as well as how it contributes to the development of the characters.

The module will culminate in an immersive reading experience, with students reading the final chapter of the novel in a ruined graveyard near the school, allowing them to experience the Gothic atmosphere and setting first-hand.

History

Students will be looking at how the image of the Witch has evolved from the Ancient Greek to the Modern World. They will be looking at how the image started relatively positive through the witch hunts of the early modern period to the development of Wicca in the 20th Century.

PSHE

Protected characteristics, Equality Act, phobic and racist language. Legal consequences of bullying and hate crime, sexism, ageism, positive and negative language, banter, child on child abuse, bullying in the workplace.

Direct and indirect discrimination, harassment, victimisation. Prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping

Science

In biology, they will explore microscopic cell structures, specialized cell functions, magnification, and transport mechanisms like diffusion and osmosis.

In chemistry, students will examine subatomic particles, electronic configurations, and how elements are organized in the periodic table.

Mathematics

Students will work on Graphing Data and Ratio, developing conceptual understanding of how information and quantities can be represented and compared. They will learn to construct and interpret bar charts, line graphs and other data representations, identify patterns and draw conclusions.

Moving then towards ratio notation, simplify and compare ratios, divide quantities in a given ratio, explore scale factors and solve ratio problems in real-life contexts.

Enrichment opportunities

We will bring learning to life through school trips, outdoor learning and exploration and diverse hands-on activities during the lessons to promote confidence, initiative and skills for life.

Supporting learning at home

If you're keen to support your child's learning at home, the best way to do this is to read to or with your child regularly. The children are welcome to borrow books from our library at any point in the year.

Should you wish to do some more with your child at home, please contact the class teacher.

We're here to help

Your child's class teacher is: Anabela Rodrigues

Your child's support staff are: Jess, Emma, Ivy and Drew

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss any concerns.