



The Town I Live In



Year 1 - Spring Term 2 2022

Science: Everyday materials

Geography: Naming and locating our local town and country. Looking at photographs, landmarks and using maps, fieldwork and observational skills to study the school and its grounds.

Computing: Creating media – digital writing

P.E: Gymnastics: perform, actions, shapes, apparatus and movement.

Art and Design: 3D and sculpture – manipulating materials and constructing and joining natural and manmade materials.

Design and Technology: Construction – making vehicles with construction kits and learning to use a range of tools to join various materials.

Core Text: How To Find Gold by Vivianne Schwarz

Glossary

**The key words we will need to be able to use,
in both discussion and in our writing:**

Word	Definition
Town	
County	
Country	
Planet	
Near	
Far	
Left	
Right	
History	
Landmarks	
Maps	
Sculptures	
Present	
Past	
Future	
Floating	
Sinking	
Materials	
Recycling	
3D	

Please help your child to complete the glossary and be able to use and spell the words. Feel free to add any additional topic related vocabulary that you think of.

During this half term, your child will be studying subjects under the theme of The Town I Live In

They will be taking part in a series of exciting activities, which include:

- Learning about the history of New Towns
- Looking at local maps
- Looking at photos to compare changes
- Learning about different types of houses in the locality
- Creating and testing our own science experiments focusing on materials and floating and sinking.
- Using malleable materials to make 3D sculptures
- Looking at vehicles from the past and present
- Using construction kits to build a vehicle
- Looking at 'How to Find Gold' by Vivianne Schwarz

Your child needs your help and involvement.

Please get involved by:

- Take your children to the library to research information about Stevenage
- Ask your family members if they have any old memories of Stevenage, or even any old photos
- Research some of the words in the glossary box
- Support with a research project on the town we live in (information will be sent out in the first homework flyer)

Values Education

Each month we will focus on a new value which we will develop and encourage in all areas of school life. Please support your child and encourage them to show their values at home. Please let us know if they do! Our value for February is 'Pride' and the value for March is 'Respect'.

Jigsaw - RSHE

This half term, we will be looking at 'Healthy Me. In this unit, we will look at how we keep ourselves healthy. We will look at what makes our bodies healthy but what also makes our minds healthy.

We will look closely at what makes us happy and think of ways to improve our health and well-being.

Religious Education

This half-term, your child will be will be learning about Christianity.

Homework

Every half term, we will set a homework project relating to our topic. Your child can present this project in whichever they wish to. You can find some ideas on your homework flyer. A weekly flyer is sent home on a Friday. This contains up to date information and dates for the forthcoming week.

Please support your child by making sure that they read at least three times per week. This can be their school book or any other reading related activity. Please record all of these in your child's reading record. Books will only be changed if the reading record has been signed.

Books need to be given in on a Monday, they will be changed and sent home again the same day.

Your child has logins for Bug Club, Teach Your Monster to Read, Num-Bots, Education City and Purple Mash stuck on the inside page of their reading record.

Clubs

Breakfast Club	Every morning 7.45 – 8.50am
Lower Site After School Club	Every Day 3.15 – 6.15pm
Upper Site After School Club	Every day 3.15 – 6.15pm

Forthcoming events

Friday 11 th February	End of Spring Term 1
Monday 21 st February	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 22 ^d February	Start of Spring Term 2
Wednesday 23 rd February	Year 6 SATs Information Evening
Tuesday 1 st March	Secondary School Allocation Day
Wednesday 2 nd March	School Photographer – Class Photo
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 29 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultations 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 30 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 1 st April	End of Spring Term 2 - 2.15pm Finish
Tuesday 19 th April	Inset Day – School Closed
Wednesday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term 1