



Shenley Primary School

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In **English**, we will be writing a range of pieces including:

- *A short narrative and a piece of poetry
- *A non-chronological report
- *A descriptive piece

As writers, we will:

- *Understand how to speak about what we are going to write about.
- * Use multi-clause sentences to create detailed paragraphs.
- *Use fronted adverbials effectively.

In **maths**, we will be learning about:

'Place value' and 'addition and subtraction'

As mathematicians, we will

- * Read and write numbers to 1, 000,000
- *Round numbers within 1, 000,000
- *Add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers
- * Solve multi step problems
- *Use rounding and inverse to check answers

In **science**, our project is: Forces

Our big question is: Does the surface area of a parachute affect how long it takes for it to fall to the ground?

As scientists, we will be:

- *Understanding what friction is.
- *Exploring air resistance and plan and carry out an experiment to support this exploration.
- * Explore water resistance and plan and carry out an experiment to support this exploration.

We will be reading



In **guided reading** sessions, we will be part of the "Fluency Focus" project which is being run through the London South Research School. As we receive further information regarding the project, we will be sharing it with you.

Reading books will be changed as and when needed.

In **art**, our project is: Drawing Self Portraits

Our big question is: How can a self-portrait tell a story of who we are?

As artists, we will be studying Frida Kahlo.

Frida Kahlo is a Mexican artist. After learning about her, we will develop the skills of sketching and proportion work whilst encouraging our own expression.

In **geography**, our topic is: Mexico

Our big question is: Where is Mexico and what is it like?

As geographers, we will be:

- *Identifying Mexico on a world map.
- *Looking at its natural and man-made features, and how these are used.
- *Exploring its climate and landscape and understand how these impact people's lives in Mexico.

In **PE**, we will be learning about: Swimming

We will be participating in an intensive 2 week swimming program.

In **RE**, we will be learning about: Religious Freedom

Our big question is: Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?

We will be identifying challenges people face because of their religion and suggesting ways to create positive change.

In **PSCHE/RSHE**, we will be learning about: Choices

Our big question is: How can I support my mind and body as I grow?

We will be looking at healthy food choices, exercise and describing our feelings and ways to respond to those feelings.



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In **computing**, our project is: Coding

Our big question is: How can we design and improve a computer game using code?
We will be designing, writing and debugging programs that accomplish specific goals.

In **French**, our project is: French Monster Pets

We will be investigating text, naming body parts, applying knowledge of French nouns and gender agreement, and then applying this knowledge.

In **music**, our project is: Music in Nature

We will be exploring dynamics, creating chords and creating and performing short melodies to reflect forests and the Northern Lights.

We will also have a weekly ukulele session.

General information

- The playground gates open at 8.40am and classroom doors open at 8.45am. Registers close at 8.55am.
- The school day ends at 3.15pm.
- Please provide your child with a water bottle (clearly named) and a healthy snack for morning break (no nut products, crisps or sweet treats e.g. cake/chocolate).
- Children must wear correct uniform to school. Please click this link and select 'School Uniform Policy' for information: <https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/policies>
- Our Forest School day is Thursday. Please ensure your child brings the correct Forest School kit to change into on this day.
- To see what lunch is available each day please click this link: <https://www.shenleyprimary.co.uk/pupils-choice-menu>

Dates for your diary

- Meet the teacher: Tuesday 8th September 9am
- Swimming for a fortnight from Monday 14th to Friday 25th September. Please have swimming kit **every day**.
- PTA coffee morning Thursday 17th September 9am
- School council and eco warrior elections
- Hello Yellow Day – wear something yellow to school Friday 9th October
- Parent Consultations - Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 22nd October last day of half term and Friday 23rd is an Inset day

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday.

Homework must be completed and returned the following Wednesday.

Children are expected to read every day for at least 15 minutes.

Please make a note of when you have read with your child in their reading records.

Reading records and reading books should be brought into school each day.

Useful websites

Times Tables Rock Stars: <https://ttrackstars.com/>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Hit the button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Times Tables: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>