



Hot off the Press

Hot Off the Press! is a thematic unit that explores how communication, news and entertainment have developed over time. Children will learn about the history of printing, newspapers, comics and animation whilst developing their creativity, critical thinking and communication skills. Throughout the topic, they will consider how information is shared, how media influences our lives, and how technology has transformed the ways we create and access news and entertainment.

Science

Children will develop their scientific enquiry skills through questioning, observing and investigating the world around them. They will learn how evidence can be collected and used to answer questions, make comparisons and identify patterns. Through practical exploration, children will build confidence in predicting outcomes, recording findings and drawing simple conclusions from their observations.

History

Children will explore the development of communication and print through time. They will learn about significant individuals and examine how the invention of printing transformed the sharing of information. By comparing life in the past with life today, children will develop an understanding of how newspapers, comics and other forms of media have evolved and influenced society.

Computing

In computing, children will learn how technology is used to create and share information with others. They will develop their understanding of digital media and explore how computers can be used creatively to communicate ideas. They will learn how technology can be used responsibly to design, create and present content for different audiences.

Music

Children will explore how music and sound can be used to communicate meaning, create atmosphere and enhance storytelling. They will develop their listening skills whilst learning about rhythm, pitch, tempo and dynamics. Opportunities to perform, compose and respond to music will encourage creativity and help children express ideas and emotions through sound.

Art

In Art, children will explore illustration, design and animation as forms of visual communication. They will develop their understanding of line, shape, colour and movement whilst experimenting with a range of artistic techniques and media. Children will be encouraged to generate their own ideas, make creative decisions and evaluate the effectiveness of their artwork.

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Children will develop their understanding of identity, relationships and communication. They will learn how to express their opinions respectfully, appreciate the viewpoints of others and make thoughtful choices. Through discussion and reflection, children will build confidence, empathy and resilience whilst developing the skills needed to become responsible and respectful members of a community.