Marden Vale CE Academy

Bumblebee Class

Term 2 Overview

02/11/2026-19/12.2026



Motor Skills

Daily we have activities to support the development of muscles in our hands.

Space and Science

We will be exploring the fascinating world of space and science through a range of fun, practical activities. The children will learn about stars, gravity, light and shadows, the solar system and rockets, developing their curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

🌱 Woodland Wandering

This term, we will be developing children's **independence, confidence and practical life skills** through hands-on activities. We will also encourage children to take **responsibility for their environment** by using garden tools to tidy outdoor areas and prepare them for winter. These activities will support children to work together, follow instructions, develop practical skills and take pride in their surroundings.

Our Value this term is



Thankfulness – I am thankful for God's love and the love of others



👩‍🚒 Life Skills

Personal Hygiene

We will be developing the children's personal hygiene skills through everyday classroom routines, including handwashing, toileting and personal care.

Activities will be tailored and scaffolded to each child's individual needs and stage of development, encouraging confidence and independence in practical life skills that they can use both at school and at home.

Cooking

Children will also take part in weekly cooking sessions every Tuesday, where they will develop food preparation skills, follow instructions, practise measuring and explore kitchen safety, while building confidence and independence.



English

Reading - The children will be reading books linked to their phonics.

The children will have 3-5 phonics reading sessions per week.
Day 1 – Decoding – Sounding out the words and blending them together to read the word.
Day 2– Prosody – To encourage the children to read expression.
Day 3 – Comprehension – Children will be asked questions about what has happened in the book they are reading. This is to help them to understand what they are reading.

✏️ Writing
Linking with our space theme , this term children will be exploring a range of exciting stories and books based around space. Through these texts, they will develop their reading, writing and communication skills, while building their vocabulary and exploring new words.
Children will take part in activities to develop their grammar, sentence structure and descriptive writing, helping them to expand their range of writing and grow in confidence as young writers.

History
This term we will be learning about famous People from History & Understanding Timelines
We will be learning about significant people from history, including Guy Fawkes, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. The children will explore important events from the past and develop an understanding of timelines, sequencing events and recognising the difference between the past and present.

Maths

This term, children will be exploring a range of practical maths skills and learning how maths is used in everyday life. They will develop their understanding of measurement, time, money and shape through hands-on activities and real-life experiences.
Children will explore:
Measurement: Centimetres and metres, grams and kilograms, and millilitres and litres.
Time: Recognising clocks, understanding time and exploring daily routines.
Money: Recognising coins, counting money and making simple purchases.
Shape: Identifying 2D and 3D shapes and exploring their properties.
Christmas Maths: Using maths skills through fun, festive activities and challenges.

RE- This term, children will be learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas and exploring the story of Jesus' birth. They will discover the different people involved in the Nativity, including Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Wise Men.
Children will also explore why Christians celebrate Christmas and learn about the different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world, discovering the traditions and customs of different cultures.

DT- This term, children will be developing their Design and Technology skills, focusing on cutting, shaping and joining materials. They will explore how different materials can be manipulated and joined together to create a finished product.
Children will use these skills to design and make a festive door wreath, using paper chains and a range of materials to create their own decorations.