Witney Blankets

2026-27

Year 1/2

Terms 1 and 2

Key Areas of Learning

As Historians we will learn about the World Famous Witney Blankets. We will be answering the following questions: Why was Witney a good place to make blankets? Why did Witney become so famous for its blankets? How has the blanket industry left its mark on Witney today? Why are blankets no longer made in Witney?

As Scientists we will investigate: Everyday Materials in Term 1, asking 'Why are different materials commonly used for different purposes?' and exploring which materials are more suitable for different objects. We will do this through a range of practical enquiries and investigations. In Term 2, we will be learning about Seasonal changes, observing and describing different changes in the weather.

As Artists we will be exploring different kinds of art, focusing on the idea of craft as a type of art. We will be crafting and weaving, and using box looms to create our own blanket.

As Design Technologists we will be investigating mechanisms and constructing our own Windmill.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be learning the SPAG skills required to write short stories and character descriptions, a persuasive letter and a diary recount.

We will also cover two poetry units, which are alliterative poetry and exploring contemporary and classic poetry.

MATHS

In Maths we will cover a range of topics:

Numbers 10-100

Calculations within 20

Fluently add and subtract within 10

Addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers

Introduction to Multiplication

RE

In RE, we will focus on Christianity, exploring parables that Christians follow, such as the Lost Son parable. We will also be exploring the importance of the Christmas story.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work thinking about: 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

PE

In PE we will begin with concentrating on fundamental skills that are needed for all sports, and a focus on team building.
In Term 2 we will be increasing our fitness, and learning gymnastic skills.

Computing

In computing, we will be learning about the following: Privacy and security, self-image and identity, online bullying, IT around us and music making.

Music

In music we will follow the Kapow scheme of learning which first focuses on listening to a variety of different pieces and observing the pitch and tempo. We will then move on to exploring the timbre and rhythmic patterns of pieces of music.

MFL

Every last Thursday of Term, Year 1 and 2 will take part in a MFL day, focusing on France.

EXPERIENCES

In Term 1, we will be taking a visit to Witney Blanket Hall and Museum to find out more about how blankets were made. In Term 2, we will be rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity Performance.

WHOLE-SCHOOL THEME(S)

We will reflect upon how our school vision relates to our new classroom charters.

SMSC

We will continue learning to express how we are feeling using Zones of Regulation. We will have regular moments of reflection on our NOWS, WOWS and OWS. Through our 'No-Outsiders' focus, we will consider - Can I join your club? and How do I achieve my dreams?

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