

What We're Up To!

Lifelong Learning 2019-2020

Mystery - Term One

Here's a snapshot of what we're doing this term, which we hope will support conversations at home. Don't worry if the subject seems a bit tricky; whatever it is, all sessions will have multi-sensory elements and our specialist staff adapt sessions to meet individual needs.



Week	Theme	
02 Sep 2019	Mystery	A day of learning the warm up and cool down and exploring our new theme! What does 'Mystery' mean and how are we going to use our new bag of mysterious objects each week?! We'll be making our own puzzles and becoming super sleuths for the day.
09 Sep 2019	Mysterious Places... The Lost City of Atlantis	We'll be finding out about one of the oldest mysteries in the world and recreating the story of Atlantis – who lived there, what might it have looked like and why was it sent to the bottom of the ocean? The mighty Poseidon was said to be God of Atlantis as well as ruler of the ocean – we'll be attempting to channel our inner sea god and seeing if we can command the ocean – land lubbers beware!
16 Sep 2019	'Mysterious News'	When did news reporting start, what were the first bulletins about and who were the presenters? We'll be trying to answer all of these questions and more, as well as investigating some mysterious weather phenomenon – have you ever heard of it raining fish, seen a swarm of ladybirds show up on radar or watched a rolling snow donut? We'll be exploring these things and creating some of our own weather experiments; brollies at the ready!
23 & 30 Sep 2019	The Mysteries of... The Human Body	Over two weeks we will be finding out a little about how our fantastic bodies work – how does the brain send signals and what do the left and right side do exactly?! How do we use our senses and is anyone a 'super taster' (a great excuse for lots of yummy food tasting!) Where do all our organs live, what jobs do they have and how do we keep them all healthy? Definitely time to get our bones moving with a good old purple patch dance routine!
07 Oct 2019	How Things Work... Science: The Mysteries of Chemistry	This week we'll be donning our lab coats and goggles and finding out about matter, and why it matters! We'll be experimenting with solids, liquids and gases and exploring how chemical reactions help us to bake, play and create artwork! We'll also be playing a brand-new game of musical atoms, with a multi-sensory twist of course; there may be a watery surprise if two Hs find an O!
14 Oct 2019	Unsolved Mysteries... Where Did The Dinosaurs Go?	How do we know about dinosaurs and what are the different theories about why they became extinct? A day of herbivores, carnivores, fossils and paleontology as well as maybe coming up with our own theories about what might have wiped out these incredible creatures. Fun fact: the word dinosaur comes from the Greek words 'deinos' and 'sauros' and means 'terrible lizard'!
21 Oct 2019	Mysterious People... World Explorers	A significant portion of the unknown world was mapped during the Age of Exploration, but who were the explorers who travelled to these mysterious places and what did they find there? Many explorers took things from Europe to exchange for new world goods but... how many cows would YOU give away for one pineapple and which spice is worth the most; we'll be answering all these questions and more as we navigate our way through choppy waters, probably singing rousing sea shanties as we go!

Half Term 28 Oct 2019

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04 Nov 2019	The Mysteries... The Spies of War	Time to enrol at spy school and see if you have the skills to go out into the field. Are you good at disguising yourself? Can you learn some languages? Are you observant and good at sensing danger? We will be taking inspiration from some real and fictional spies to create our own spy stories, complete with code names, gadgets and secret messages – ‘the purple eagle always eats chocolate by candlelight’ Sssshhhhhhhhhhhh
11 Nov 2019	Mysterious Places... The Deep Ocean	What do you think it would be like to take a mini submarine down to explore the deep ocean? How would you feel and what things might you see? We will be investigating what creatures live in the different ocean zones and how they survive as well as talking about what we can do to help stop the pollution in our oceans.
18 Nov 2019	'How Things Work... The Mysteries of Transport	What were the first modes of transport and how do people get around in different climates? Can you row in rhythm to power a canoe, learn some sled commands to drive your huskies or have good enough balance to stay on a penny farthing? We'll be testing all this out as well as having fun with some great travelling songs...will it be the Chattanooga Choo Choo or The Passenger??
25 Nov 2019	Unsolved Mysteries... Hoaxes	A chance to celebrate some of the most fabulous hoax stories that had people fooled, from the Cottingley Fairies to Pasta Trees and Smell-O-Vision, there have been some wonderful tales spun. Would you be fooled by a hoax? Watch out, we might be trying to pull your leg this week!
02 Dec 2019	Mysterious People... The Mystery of Me	In the words of Oscar Wilde ‘be yourself: everyone else is already taken’. We will be sharing our hopes, dreams and goals and enjoying the talents and skills of all of our purple people this week.
09 Dec 2019	The Mysteries of... Christmas!	There are some fabulous Christmas traditions around the world, did you know that in Germany they hang a Christmas pickle on their tree and in Wales they have a sing off battle at the door of a pub! Our Purple Christmas will be exploring these as well as making up our own traditions and having a good old knees up with music throughout the ages.

Christmas Holidays w/c 16 Dec, 23 Dec, 30 Dec

Lifelong Learning Programmes start again w/c 06 Jan 2020