Banbury Canal & Queen Victoria

2026-2027

Year 1

Terms 1 and 2

Key Areas of Learning

As Geographers, we will be learning about the surrounding area of Banbury and Cropredy and will understanding the effect of the canal on these local places. We will study local maps and consider how Cropredy has changed over time.
As Historians, we will be learning about Queen Victoria and consider how Victorian inventions improved the building of the canal and other aspects of daily life.
As Scientists, we will be identifying, and grouping everyday materials by type and properties and conducting an experiment to choose the most fit for purpose. In Term 2, we will be doing animals including humans, where we will name and sort common animals into scientific groups based on type and diet. Along with labelling the basic parts of the human body and investigating our senses.
As Design Technicians, we will study moving mechanisms, then design and make a storybook with simple moving parts.
As Artists, we will learn about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques and apply these skills when painting in the style of Clarice Cliff and canal folk artists.

ENGLISH

In English, our core texts will be 'Quack, quack, take two steps back!' and 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine', which we will base our writing on.
We will explore:

- **Developing sentences and punctuation**
- **Fiction and non-fiction writing**
- **Developing our understanding of word classes**

MATHS

In Maths lessons we will be focusing the embedding and mastery of the following areas:

- **Place Value within 10, counting, sorting, ordering and comparing groups of objects and numbers.**
- **Addition and Subtraction within 10, fact families and number bonds.**

SPELLINGS

We will work on HF words, statutory spellings alongside sounds identified in our phonics lessons.

JIGSAW (PSHE)

Using the Jigsaw PSHE scheme, and our class jigsaw mascot we will learn about:

- **Being Me in my World**
- **Celebrating Differences**

PE

We will explore:
Fundamentals (Thursday – indoor PE session)

Team Building (Friday – outdoor PE session)

MUSIC

Using the Kapow online music tools we will develop skills through songs and instruments. We will look at the modules 'Keep the Pulse' and 'Tempo'.

RE

Using the Jigsaw RE scheme, we will learn explore questions such as: Who made the world? What gifts might people have given Jesus if he were born today?

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EXPERIENCES

Banbury Canal Visit and Tooley's Boatyard. More information to follow.
Forest School - Tuesdays

WHOLE-SCHOOL THEME(S)

Being ready, respectful and responsible. Keeping safe online, at school and out and about.

SMSC

Cultural - How local culture has changed throughout history.
Moral - Is it right how some children were treated during the Victorian time?
Social - How communities worked together to create a project.