Jewell Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Year 1: Autumn Term 2 2026

Tales of the Isles

Driving Question:

How can we, as respectful citizens, promote our country and its capital?

Launch

Using VR and Now Press Play, we will explore the country to start to answer the question," What makes the UK and London special?"

Overview:

Tales of the Isles is an exciting learning adventure where children become proud ambassadors for our country and capital! Exploring the question, *"How can we promote our country and its capital as respectful citizens?"* Using VR, fun science, creative arts and the design cycle, they'll discover London's landmarks and share their learning through a pupil-led virtual tour and report to our school community!

Phonics

We will be moving onto a new set of sounds and developing our blending skills with the sounds we know.

Geography

We will explore the continents and oceans, locate the UK and its counties, identify its capital cities, and discover London's famous landmarks

English

We will explore London, gather facts from texts, use 'and' to join sentences, plan and write a non-chronological report.

Art and Design

We will explore London's landmarks, learn sketching and shading techniques, create skyline artwork, and design and build large-scale landmark models to showcase in our own model town tour.

Vocabulary:

Continent
Ocean
United Kingdom (UK)
County
Capital city
Landmark
Skyline
Silhouette
Design
Model
Structure
Sketch
Sketching
Shading
Blending

Learning conversations to have at home:

Here are some simple ways to support your child's learning about the UK, London and its famous landmarks through everyday conversations and activities at home.

Explore the world: Can you name any continents or oceans? Which continent do we live in?
Locate the UK: Can you find the UK on a map or globe? Can you name any countries or counties within the UK?
Discover capital cities: What is the capital city of the UK? Can you name the capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?
Explore London's landmarks: Have you visited or seen landmarks such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge or Buckingham Palace? What do you notice about their appearance?
Investigate buildings: What materials do you think London's landmarks are made from? How old do you think they are?
Look at skylines: Can you spot buildings of different shapes and heights? What might their silhouettes look like at sunset?

Topic Home learning:

Choose a famous London landmark to explore! Find out a few interesting facts, then get creative by drawing, painting or building a model using materials from home.

Bring your creation or a photo to school to share with your friends.
Have fun exploring London!



Future Careers:

We look forward to welcoming in local artists that have built careers from their curiosity and creativity. We will also be exploring a day in the life of a Beefeater living and working in one of London's famous landmarks and exploring what it is like to be a London tour guide.

Landing:

We will be creating our own model city of London for our families to visit, as we take on the role of tour guides. We look forward to welcoming you to our fun and interactive tour of London!

Reading
We will continue to use our Phonics to decode words, enjoy books and share stories. We will have a visit from Preacher the Storyteller during one of our Drop Everything and Read sessions. As well as that, we will explore a fiction book that shares factual information and we will comparisons to a London non fiction book.

What is a fact book?

What is a fiction book?



What do you think this story might be about?

What famous landmarks do you think Katie might see?

English
We will
- ★ Gather facts from texts.
- ★ Write sentences with 'and'
- ★ Plan a report.
- ★ Write a non-chronological report.

How can you help at home?

Look at fiction books and discuss the difference between them.
Segment words by writing cards and shopping lists.

Maths
- ★ Write number sentences.
- ★ Fact Families
- ★ Number bonds within 10.
- ★ Adding together
- ★ One more
- ★ Addition problems

How can you help at home?
Practice counting to ten.
Recognising and sequencing numbers to ten.
Adding groups of objects together.

Science

We will be exploring the senses through fun activities and matching our senses to the parts of the body that we use to allow our senses to work. We will experiment using our five senses.

Geography

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Spanish

We will be learning Spanish Greetings.

Computing

Online safety with the help of Smartie the Penguin and self image and identity.

Art
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Physical Education
Gymnastic and dance.
Forest School

PSHE
Celebrating difference.

Religious Education
Enquiry: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus?

Dates for the diary
PE and Forest School Every Tuesday – Wear Uniform and change at school – Send in wellies.
Phonics Workshop – 20th November 2.30pm
Parents Evening - 24th and 25th November
Nativity – To be confirmed
Home Learning deadline - 23rd November