

## ENGLISH

The first English focus this half term is oral story-telling. The children will learn about how this tradition originated and the features of a well-told story. They will outline a story in preparation for orally telling it, then refine, develop and present it before an audience. In the latter part of the half term we will explore the different features of reference texts. The children will read and compare examples of a range of reference texts, for example dictionaries, explanations and instruction texts. Working in small groups, they will prepare their own reference texts and then evaluate their effectiveness.

## GEOGRAPHY

This half term the children are learning about the UK. They will name and locate counties, cities and geographical regions of the United Kingdom. This involves using compasses as well as atlases and digital maps and transferring information to their own maps. In addition to human features, the children will be finding out about physical features such as the UK's highest mountains and longest rivers. They will also be able to identify where famous landmarks can be found.

## PE

In outdoor PE the children are developing the skills necessary to play handball, such as hand-eye co-ordination and how to hit the ball with a degree of accuracy.

Indoors, the children are learning to use different gym apparatus and then incorporate what they have learnt to create their own aerobic routines. They will also participate in multi-skills that develop the children's movement and fitness levels.

## MATHEMATICS

In maths the children will be applying their times table knowledge and understanding of place value to develop a written method to divide two-digit numbers by single-digit numbers e.g.  $48 \div 3$ . They will also be using these skills to multiply. Once these methods become secure, the children will then use the strategies they have learnt to solve word problems, showing that they can apply their learning in real-life situations. They will further consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction and apply this in problem-solving contexts. The children will learn the 4 and 8 times tables and make links to their related division facts.

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The children will learn about Diwali. They will gain an understanding of how Hindu people celebrate their beliefs at home and in the temple. The children will also explore different Hindu festivals e.g. Holi. They will examine how the Vedas scriptures guide Hindus in their daily life.

## COMPUTING

The children will learn how to use the software program Scratch to create sequences. They will use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work and also learn how to detect and correct errors in programs.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Linking with our science topic of 'Light', the children will investigate how mirrors and other shiny surfaces are good reflectors of light. They will experiment with techniques and then design and create their own kaleidoscopes.

## SCIENCE

The children will be focusing on light this half term. They will learn about how shadows are formed and why they move throughout the course of the day. They will gain an understanding of different forms of light and the dangers of looking directly at the sun.