

## ENGLISH

The first area of study this term will be revisiting basic skills including word classes, sentence structure, punctuation and tenses to ensure that the children are immediately able to apply these in their writing. We will then be learning about mystery texts and stories. The children will watch and read a range of stories and explore the features they employ. There will be a particular focus on how mystery stories build suspense and intrigue. The children will be given opportunities to write their own short mystery story which they will be given time to plan, write and edit to produce a final draft.

## HISTORY

The children will be learning about the changing role of the monarchy in Britain over different time periods. First, the children will assess the current power of the monarchy in the UK, supported by our virtual visit to the Houses of Parliament. We will then look back and explore the power monarchs held during the Tudor, Medieval and Victorian eras. Finally, we will investigate and discuss what role the monarchy may have in the future.

## SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Forces', the children build on their previous experience of push and pull forces by looking at how air/water resistance and upthrust can affect how an object falls. The effect of gravity on the Earth and the Moon will be investigated. They will carry out experiments to identify which factors lead to objects falling more quickly to the ground than others.

## MATHEMATICS

Pupils will spend time focussing on the areas that have been identified as a priority this academic year such as: place value of each digit in four-digit numbers, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000, identifying the previous and next multiple of 1000 and 100. Furthermore the children will then build on their previous knowledge of place value by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers including decimals. They will use various mathematical strategies, such as partitioning, to compose and decompose decimal numbers. They will also be asked to round and compare numbers and convert between units of measure, including using common decimals and fractions.

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The children will explore what people of different religions believe about God. They will learn how Hindus, Christians, Muslims and Sikhs perceive their deities. The children will then compare the similarities and differences in belief between the faiths. The importance of respecting the beliefs of others, even if they are different to one's own, will be emphasised.

## ART AND DESIGN

This half term children will be focusing on colour mixing and creating abstract artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian, Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky. We will be concentrating on developing the skills of painting with acrylic paints and watercolours. The children will explore how the use of colour can change the mood and meaning of a piece.

## COMPUTING

Pupils in Year 5 will remind themselves how to stay safe online, what constitutes untrustworthy information online and how to identify signs that we need to be cautious about what we are reading on the Web. They will learn the differences between the Internet and the World Wide Web, and create their own fact file by researching a chosen topic using search engines.

## PE

Hockey will be the focus of our P.E sessions as pupils will be taught how to use hockey sticks correctly, to dribble and pass, as well as how to tackle safely. Once skill and agility has improved this will lead to competitive games. We will also be completing a fitness unit which looks to develop pupils' healthy active lifestyle.