

## ENGLISH

Our topic this term is Shakespeare and we will be focusing on Macbeth. The children will start by reading the play and exploring the characters' dilemmas and feelings through drama. They will then look at Shakespearean language and how it is different to late modern English, performing and writing in the same style. We will also evaluate a range of play scripts and versions of Macbeth, gathering ideas to help the children to create their own interpretations of the story. After taking part in workshops with a professional drama company, the unit will end with the children re-writing scenes from Macbeth in their own narrative style.

## GEOGRAPHY

The children will be discovering more about life in urban and rural areas of England and abroad. Comparisons will be made between the settings and the children will also look at land-use maps of the past and compare these with the present to identify how the landscape of the world and local area has changed. Using atlases and Google Earth the children will also identify major cities and counties in the UK.

## SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Earth and Space', the children will be studying the solar system. They will also learn about the other planets in our galaxy and how each orbits the sun. The children will also investigate the causes of day and night and why daylight hours differ throughout the different seasons. Additionally, the children will also investigate how scientists discovered that the Earth is spherical and not flat. The children will be visiting The Royal Observatory planetarium to take an awe-inspiring journey into space!

## MATHEMATICS

This half term the children will be studying fractions. They will begin with understanding equivalence and ordering fractions. They will have the opportunity to represent fractions using different concrete materials so that they can physically compare them. They will then move on to using bar models to help calculate and solve problems using fractions. Towards the end of this unit we will look at decimal equivalence with fractions, leading into reading decimal numbers and using them within calculations.

## ART AND DESIGN

The children will be focusing on improving their sketching skills in creating portraits. They will learn about the proportions of the face and how to use symmetry to help create a more life-like image. We will use a range of different media within this unit, including pencil, charcoal, pastels and water colours.

## COMPUTING

The children will be creating their own app using AppMaker. The programme will teach them a number of skills such as word processing, word alignment, changing text size and saving work on cloud-based software.

## PE

For outdoor PE, the children will develop their passing and throwing accuracy with a particular focus on basketball. They will be taught about positional play, tactics and the importance of teamwork. For indoor PE, the children will learn to create sequential travelling movements during gymnastics. They will also be training to improve their strength and balance.

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## RE

In RE, the children will explore stories from a range of religious traditions such as the story of Adam and Eve (Judeo-Christian), the story of Bilal (Islamic) and the story of the Buddha and Kisagotami (Buddhist). In each, they will be encouraged to look for levels of meaning and to apply what they have learnt to their own experiences.