

## LITERACY

The first area of study this term will be poetry. The children will read a range of poems and explore the features they employ. There will be a particular focus on how poems are performed and brought to life through oracy. The children will be given opportunities to write poems which they will perform articulately with expression. We will also be focussing on the work of JK Rowling and how her novels have hooked both young and adult readers. At the end of the unit, the children will be able to use techniques used by JK Rowling and other significant authors to write an exciting and interesting narrative story.

## MATHEMATICS

The children will build on their previous knowledge of place value by reading, writing, comparing and ordering positive and negative numbers. They will also improve their understanding of fractions - ordering, comparing and finding equivalent ones. Furthermore they will be rounding whole and decimal numbers and investigating what makes a number prime. The children will work on identifying factors and multiples of numbers and develop their multiplication skills by working out square and cube numbers.

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## HISTORY

The children will be learning about the changing role of the monarchy in Britain over different time periods. This will involve exploring the power monarchs held during the Tudor, Medieval and Victorian eras. They will also investigate the position of the monarchy today and discuss what role it may have in the future.



## ART AND DESIGN

The children will be creating artwork linked to our history topic. They will focus on developing the skills of sketching to create a Tudor-style self-portrait. Watercolours will be used to add finer details to Tudor images. We will be visiting the National Portrait Gallery to learn about the symbolism of images from the Tudor period.

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## 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 Moon will be investigated. They will carry out experiments to identify which factors lead to objects falling more quickly to the ground than others.

## RE

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.

## COMPUTING

The children will develop their understanding of using technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. They will build on their knowledge of the software program 'Scratch' and use the skills they have acquired to instruct an object to carry out a set of guided orders.

## PE

The children will be given the opportunity to choreograph and sequence different forms of movements individually and in small groups to create a short dance. For outdoor PE, they will develop the skills to play rounders. They will improve their striking and fielding abilities which will lead onto competitive games.