

## ENGLISH

The children will be focusing on stories with flashbacks this half term. They will become familiar with how flashbacks are used in a variety of films as well as written texts. They will explore how the use of flashbacks can give the reader a deeper understanding of the character's motivations, eventually planning and writing their own stories. Throughout this work, the children will also be guided to explore a range of sentence types, with an emphasis on the use of embedded or relative clauses to add information.

## SCIENCE

The children will begin a term-long unit of work exploring inheritance, adaptation and evolution. Before half term, the unit will mainly focus on adaptation in animals and the effect that this has on their chances of survival. It will also examine the importance of the work of Charles Darwin to this scientific field. To support this, we will visit the Natural History Museum, where the children will take part in a workshop that will focus on the concepts that underpin evolution. It will allow pupils to reinforce their knowledge through hands-on and engaging activities.

## HISTORY

This half term the children will be learning about how London was shaped by the arrival of different groups of people. The unit will focus on how the Romans founded London, the impact of the Windrush Generation and the reasons behind each movement. Additionally, they will be exploring the changes caused by immigration in the twentieth century.

## MATHEMATICS

Pupils will convert units of measurement using fractions and decimals; they will begin by converting units of length and distance followed by exploring units of mass, volume and time. Following this, they will solve complex word problems using the four operations and bar model diagrams. This requires high-order reasoning and an ability to pictorially represent challenging number problems.

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Children will cook and sample their own food with this unit on bread. Linking to our history focus, after taste-testing bread from around the world, the children will create their own recipes and bake them. They will then evaluate their products and suggest ways to improve them.

## COMPUTING

This term in computing, pupils will explore how to use digital technology effectively to gather, store and evaluate data for a purpose. They will also be developing their own quizzes for their peers, and educating younger children in the school about important ideas relating to world events.

## PE

During indoor PE sessions the children will create gymnastic floor routines; concentrating on improving balance and core strength. This will include the formation of solo and paired sequences. Our outdoor PE sessions will focus on hockey. Pupils will choose and implement a range of strategies and tactics to attack and defend, to combine and perform more complex skills at great speed and recognise and describe good individual and team performances.

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## RE

This half term our topic is 'life after death'. This will involve learning about how ideas of an afterlife are represented in different religions, as well as exploring funeral traditions. We will discuss why and how people say goodbye when they lose a loved one. If there are circumstances which will make this topic particularly difficult for your child, please do speak to your child's teacher.