

## ENGLISH

The children will be examining a range of newspaper articles to identify the key features of journalistic writing. They will conduct their own research – learning how to take notes in bullet-point form and then re-write these in their own words. They will be taught how to organise their research findings – grouping facts appropriately into paragraphs, using topic sentences and formal language to link ideas. This unit will conclude with the children each producing their own newspaper article, giving them the opportunity to demonstrate all the skills they have learnt.

## SCIENCE

The children will be continuing their study of the topic 'Earth and Space'. They will use their knowledge of day and night to investigate, record and present data and to draw conclusions about our planet. They will learn more about the life cycles of stars and research some of the great scientists.

## PE

Children will continue their swimming lessons until the end of term, improving and learning new skills. They will also develop their tennis prowess as they further advance their striking and hitting ability by mastering how to hit different groundstrokes.

## PSHE

Over this half term, children will be thinking about the topic 'Celebrating Differences'. Throughout the unit, children will learn about accepting everyone's right to be different. They will focus on diversity including disability, racism, power, friendships and conflict.

## MUSIC

In music the children will be learning to play the Ukulele this term. They will learn about the origins of the instrument, techniques such as strumming and fretting the notes. Finally, they will then learn to play a simple melody accompanied by chords.

## FRENCH

Pupils will learn to give and follow directions and use comparative language, which they practise as they explore different French-speaking countries.

## MATHEMATICS

Year 5 will look at fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will learn about finding equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts and how to simplify fractions. We will move on to solving word problems involving fractions and decimals. There will be an increased emphasis on application and reasoning and all children will access this at a level designed to make them ask relevant questions and solve the problem with logic and clear direction. Children will continue to be set times tables practice on Times Tables Rock Stars so that they can become even quicker with their recall.

## COMPUTING

This half term, children are learning how to take data from around the web and store it securely and efficiently in their own database. They will also be introduced to spreadsheets and understand how to manipulate and evaluate data using graphing tools

## RE

The topic this term is 'How do Christians try to follow Jesus's example?' The children will explore how Christians try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and discuss who, or what, inspires them. The children will learn about Christ's life through stories.

## GEOGRAPHY

We will be learning about the location, culture and landmarks of Brazil. Using their knowledge from our Rural and Urban unit, pupils will compare and contrast different areas in Brazil. Additionally, children will investigate the push and pull factors that influence people to leave their environment. Furthermore, they will research the lives of indigenous people of the Amazon Rainforest and some of the threats they face.

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