

## English

During this term we will develop a number of English skills linked to fiction and non-fiction texts. The children will read, analyse and explore these genres before using them as a stimulus for their own writing. Throughout the term the children will cover a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

The genres we will be covering this half term are:

Y3 poetry, fables, information texts, traditional stories.

Y4 poetry, historical stories, non chronological reports, plays

## Numeracy

The children will cover the following areas

- Number, place value and rounding
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division:
- Number facts and mental to written methods
- Geometry: properties of shapes
- Measurement
- Written addition and subtraction

The children will also use and apply what they know in contextual problems and different problem solving activities, involving reasoning. Also, a big focus on tables facts.

## Science –

The children will be encouraged to work scientifically by asking relevant questions, setting up simple, practical enquiries and comparative and fair tests. They will use the outdoor environment to support their learning.

Y3 –light

Y4–sound and states of matter

## History—The Victorians

The children will work as historical detectives using different sources of evidence to support their learning. They will present work in different ways giving them the opportunity to complete further research independently.

The children will learn about the lives of children; the key figures who helped to support reforms; about the development of the railways and how change has impacted on our lives.

## ART and Design

We are working towards our minimasters project. The children are looking at pieces of artwork, developing ideas, practising and refining skills and producing a final piece of art work ready for framing. In DT we will be producing toys and wrapping paper for the xmas fayre.

## Educational Visits

We will be taking the children to Shugborough Hall to experience life during the Victorian times. The children will take part in workshops such as the laundry, the kitchen and the schoolroom.

## Modern languages

In Year 3 children will learn their numbers from 1-10, colours, days and months.

In Year 4 they will learn their numbers from 1-31, birthdays, weather words and sports.

## Physical Education

This term the children will be developing their skills in dance, learning and refining movement individually and as part of a group. They will also be doing outdoor games with Mr. Taylor.

## Computing

Our computing lessons this term will be on the 'control' aspect of the curriculum and the children will explore this aspect through using Scratch junior on ipads in Y3 and Scratch using laptops in Y4. 2nd half term Purple Mash.

## SMSC

This term we are following our new Jigsaw programme. Our first puzzle piece is about Being Me in My World. Exploring how we manage our feelings and self-awareness.

## Music

We are using the Charanga music resources. In Year 3 we are looking at Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and in Y4 focusing on music by ABBA. Through these lessons we look at pitch, pulse, timbre and dynamics. We also develop our own skills using percussion.

## Religious Education Key Question:

What does it mean to be a Hindu?

2nd half term The true meaning of Christmas.

Children will share thoughts & ideas in class discussions.