

## Art & Design, Design and Technology and Music

In **Art**, we will be studying Ancient Egyptian art and using media such as watercolours and pastels to create scrolls.

After half term our **D&T** work will be adapting a recipe and cooking biscuits.

In **Music**, we are learning the song This Little Light of Mine, comparing and evaluating different versions and improvising on tuned percussion using the pentatonic scale. We will also learn a song for our Harvest Festival celebration.

After half term we will be learning songs to perform for our Christingle Christmas concert.

## PE

In PE this half term we are looking at invasion games focusing on basketball. Indoor PE is a unit of work on gymnastics, focusing on Bridges (balances on the floor and apparatus).

After half term we will be completing a dance unit called 'Wild Animals' and continuing invasion games by learning netball skills.

Year 4 children will be swimming this term.

## Maths

Children will work on strengthening their knowledge of the four operations and their understanding of place value with larger numbers. Children will focus on increasing fluency with number work, securing methods of mental and written addition and subtraction. We will spend time learning times tables.

Year 3 – 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 x tables. Year 4- all tables to 12x12

## History

Our focus is on the Ancient Egyptians. The topic will involve us researching and looking at artefacts and paintings to find evidence of the Ancient Egyptians' greatest achievements. We will have a Forest School session as part of an Ancient Egyptian learning outside the classroom day.

## Geography

Our topic in Geography will be American Road Trip. In our study of North and South America, we will be concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities. We will understand geographical similarities and differences through looking at regions and learn to use the eight points of a compass.

## Computing

Our first topic is Connecting Computers. We will develop our understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. After half term our topic is Creating Media- Audio Production. We will be using software to create a podcast.

# Lower Key Stage 2

## Autumn Year B



## English

The children will build on their work from Year 2 and 3 learning how to write texts that entertain, persuade and inform their reader. English units are based around engaging high-quality texts. We will write narratives, non-fiction and poetry focusing on a graphic novel, persuasive speech, poem, explanation and a narrative. We will focus on accurate punctuation and writing a variety of sentence types with effective vocabulary. We will develop spelling knowledge by investigating and learning spelling rules and patterns. In whole class **Reading** we will read fiction and non-fiction texts to develop fluency and comprehension skills. Children will learn to discuss what they are reading with their classmates and will develop their vocabulary. These skills will feed into their writing.

## Science

This term our topic is Animals Including Humans. We are learning about the skeleton, joints and muscles. We will learn about nutrition and healthy eating. We will also be focusing on the key skill of Working Scientifically, knowing how to carry out a fair test and collect, record and interpret results.

## PSHE & RE

In **RE** we will look at Buddhism. We will focus on the key question 'Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?' We will think about our own beliefs and those of Buddhists to come up with our own answers. In the second half term, we will be focusing on the Christian religion and looking at the importance of symbols as we near Christmas, with a particular focus on the symbolism of the Christingle.

In **PSHE**, we will look at ourselves and how we view different things around us, such as our 'dream school'. We will think about our key values, Respect, Kindness, Determination, being Responsible and Ready to learn. After half term, we will be celebrating differences and looking at similarities and differences within families.

## Modern Foreign Languages

In French we will be learning how to use and respond to classroom commands and answer the register. We will increase our basic vocabulary such as days of the week. We will be learning about French grammar such as masculine and feminine nouns. Whilst the emphasis is on speaking and listening, we will also be reading and writing some simple French sentences.