

## ENGLISH

This half-term in our writing lessons, children will be exploring how powerful verbs and rhyme can be used to create an effective shape poem. They will also develop their use of descriptive language to describe fictional settings and characters. We will also be looking at the features of letters and how we use language to write our own letter. Our class text is *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*. Children will continue to embed the reading skills they explored in the first half-term. They will also be exposed to a wider range of comprehension questions to develop their reading skills further. Accelerated reader will be used to further support children's reading fluency and understanding of a range of texts.

## PSHE

### Celebrating Differences

Our PSHE topic this half-term is celebrating differences. We will be learning about how families are not always the same. Your child will explore the idea of healthy conflict and how issues can be resolved calmly with friends and family. They will also discuss the effects of bullying and how they may help other children that are bullied.



## COMPUTING

We will be developing the programming skills we learnt in Year 2 to create our own animated storyboard. Using iPads and software called scratch, children will explore the features of scratch to develop their understanding of how animations can be created. They will learn how to plan and create a program using algorithms, applying this knowledge to produce their own animated storyboard.

## MATHS

This half-term, in our Maths lessons, we will be building on their learning from the start of Year 3 by focusing on the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. They will also learn how they can solve a range of multiplication and division questions, including word problems. Next, we will focus on drawing, naming and describing the properties of 3D shapes.

To support your child, please consider the following.

- Encourage them to observe and describe the properties of everyday 3D objects
- Play games involving the 3,4- and 8-times tables to support their multiplication and division

## RE

### What is it like to be a Hindu?

In RE this half-term, children will explore how the Hindu religion is practiced, learning about both Hindu worship and celebration. Your child will be encouraged to think about what it is like to be a Hindu, discussing their beliefs and ideas about God.

## Geography

### Why is climate important?

Our geography lessons this half-term will focus on how children can use a range of maps in different ways to communicate geographical data. Children will learn how to read weather and climate maps, and about the differing world climate zones.

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## DT

### Storybooks

In our DT lessons this half-term, children will explore how simple mechanisms can be made before designing and building their own moving mechanism within a story book.

## MUSIC



### Glockenspiel

The focus this half-term will be on embedding and developing how the glockenspiel was used in the first half-term. Children will listen to different songs and learn how to play a range of notes. They will start to improvise and compose music using these notes.

## SCIENCE

### Food and our bodies

In our science lessons, children will learn about the importance of nutrition in animals and humans.

They will also look at the different bones and joints in the human body and learn about their purpose.

## INFORMATION

### PE day is every Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure children are in their school PE kit and jewellery is removed.

### Reading books

We hear all children read weekly and reading books are changed regularly.

Please make sure your child brings their reading book to school every day.