

# What will we be learning about this term?



## English

The children will use a variety of different stimulus throughout the term to engage and inspire their writing. Children will begin the year by immersing themselves in the text, *The Darkest Dark*, by Chris Hadfield. Children will cover a range of writing genres including non-chronological reports, biographies and narratives.

## Geography

'Why is the Amazon and the rainforest so important?'

In this topic, the children will study the Amazon rainforest and the impact of climate change and deforestation on the plants and animals living there.

## Design Technology

Children will be looking at structures and will be tasked with building a model bridge for an Amazon expedition.

## Art

Children will study the artist John Dyer and create some collages and digital media art inspired by his work.

## Maths

We will be focusing on developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages then position and direction, measurement and shape - in particular perimeter, area and volume. Throughout our sessions, the children will focus on developing their problem-solving skills, making decisions, working logically and checking results.

## Computing

Children will begin the term by creating their own spreadsheets before moving onto designing and creating their own vlogs. Throughout the term, children will learn how to keep themselves safe online.

## PSHE

Children will look in depth at the values of acceptance and tolerance before examining our school value of responsibility and the British value of individual liberty. Weekly, Our Happy Mind sessions will also continue.

## RE

Children will continue to explore Christianity, beginning with a look at the Christian belief in eternal life before considering the relevance of religion today.

## PE

The children will develop their orienteering skills during their outdoor PE sessions. In their indoor PE sessions, the children will be working in small groups to plan and deliver some games sessions to our KS1 pupils.

## French

Children will be improving their speaking and listening skills with a topic linked to holidays and leisure time.

## Science

Throughout this term, our focus will be on light. The children will begin the topic by learning that light travels in straight lines and use this idea to help explain how we see things. They will then learn to understand that light reflects off objects and will be able to explain how shadows are formed.

## How can you help at home?

Hear your child read at least three times a week and discuss the book, ask questions and explain any tricky vocabulary.

Support them with their weekly homework tasks and encourage them to practise their weekly spelling words and know their multiplication facts accurately and rapidly.

## History

'What was life like in Ancient Egypt?'

During this topic, the children will continue to build on their knowledge of ancient civilisations by learning about some of the key achievements from the Ancient Egyptian period.