

## ENGLISH

This half-term the children will focus on non-fiction writing. In line with our geography topic, pupils will read a range of tourist guides, examining their layout and the persuasive features included. They will discuss and identify the features of non-fiction texts including headings, captions, labels and fact boxes. The children will research famous landmarks and cities around the UK using a range of sources, collating information to create their own tourist guide. Pupils will have the opportunity to edit and improve their work.

## GEOGRAPHY

The focus this half-term is to learn about the UK. The children will name and locate counties, cities and geographical regions of the United Kingdom using atlases and ICT (Google Maps). They will use compasses and local maps to transfer information onto their own maps. The learning will also include practical orienteering work on Wanstead Flats.

## PE

In indoor PE lessons, the children will develop fundamental choreography skills encompassing travel, dynamics and partner work in dance. Emphasis on outdoor PE will be on effective ball passing and receiving in netball.

## PSHE

The topic this half-term is 'Healthy Me'. Year 3 will learn about how food is fuel for their bodies and the effect of exercise. They will find out how the emergency services keep us safe and will be encouraged to seek adult help if they are worried about something they see or hear.

## MUSIC

During this half-term pupils will learn to play the ukulele, learning new chords and melodies that use single or multiple strings. Special attention will be given to singing, based predominantly on the C-major scale.

## DT

This Design and Technology unit links to our science lessons about forces and magnets. Children will design, build and test out their own magnetic games. They will focus on the skills of measuring, cutting and joining materials as well as looking at ways that the product can be strengthened.

**FRENCH** The children will respond to common classroom instructions in French through playing games, as well as learning the vocabulary for classroom items. They will find out that every French noun is either 'masculine' or 'feminine'

## MATHEMATICS

Children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be exploring column addition further with a particular focus on regrouping and adding numbers in the most efficient orders. Pupils will focus on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, exploring the links and connections between numbers. Children will use these times tables facts to solve multiplication problems as well as finding out whether numbers are divisible. We will conclude by looking at column subtraction, including calculations where exchanges are required.

## COMPUTING

The concept of 'data' as a way of storing useful information will be taught to pupils. They will learn the principles of how databases work and start to consider how data can be stored by using branching logic and decision trees. This will mean asking 'yes' or 'no' questions systematically about the data they gather about their classmates.

## RE

In Religious Education, the children will learn about how Hindu people celebrate their beliefs. They will investigate the stories surrounding the Hindu festival of Holi, a battle around good and evil and the importance of faithfulness and colour in our lives.

## SCIENCE

The FAB science company will deliver an interactive workshop to introduce this half-term's topic on forces and magnets. Children will experiment with magnets, learning about gravity and friction and the forces of push and pull. They will explore the use of magnets and different forces in relation to the real world. Subsequently, they will generalise about what happens when magnets are put near one another or together, using scientific terms such as 'attract' and 'repel'.

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