

In **geography**, we will be learning about rivers and mountains. We will be focusing on the River Indus and how the river changes on its journey. We will be looking at various mountain ranges around the world and in the UK. We will be learning how people have adapted to live in mountainous regions.

In **history**, we will study Ancient Egypt, learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun by the archaeologist Howard Carter before learning more about how Egypt changed through time and what the Egyptians believed. We will then study Cradles of Civilisation. We will focus particularly on the area of Mesopotamia and the civilisation of Ancient Sumer.

In **religion and worldviews**, we will be learning the Hindu Story of Rama and Sita, as well as the origins of Hinduism by looking at places and further stories from the Indus Valley.

In **physical education** this half term, we will be learning the skills required to play dodgeball and building on our ball skills. After half term, we will be developing our knowledge in dance and hockey.

In **music**, we'll be learning the song 'I've Been to Harlem' and using this to sing rounds and compose simple accompaniments. We will then be investigating the structure of melodies, focusing on symmetry and patterns within sound.

In **mathematics**, we be looking at these key areas throughout autumn term: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning new methods so that we can calculate with 3-digit numbers more efficiently. We will also begin to learn our multiplications and division facts.

In **design technology**, we will be developing our skills in measuring and cutting to make our own moving designs with levers and linkages. These skills will come together in a final piece: a festive card!



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In **PSHE**, we will continue to develop our **own personal, social and health education** through these topics: Beginning and belonging, conflict resolutions, anti-bullying and family and friends. We will be looking at how our actions affect others and how to make responsible choices. We will reinforce the importance of kindness, how to be a good friend.

In **English**, we will be focussing on our transcription skills including letter formation and joins. We will further develop our spelling knowledge and introduce key words for year 3. This term, we will build on our knowledge of plot points developing them using 2 to 3 sentences. We will include time-phrases to transition into new plot points. In year 3, we teach reading as a whole class, developing our fluency and understanding through a range of extracts. We also begin to use Accelerated Reader to promote our independent reading.

In **science**, we will be exploring contact and non-contact forces using terminology such as friction, gravity and resistance. We will also learn experiment with magnets testing what they attract or repel. Later in the term, we will be investigating animals including humans focusing on skeletons, muscles and how to eat a balanced, nutritional diet.

In **art**, we will be begin with a 6 week unit exploring sketching and drawing skills, using a range of different media. In the second half term we will explore collage and stencilling.

In **modern foreign languages**, we will start learning Spanish! We will learn how to greet each other, count to 12 and share our ages. We will also be learning about end of year festivities in Spain!

In **computing**, we will be learning about the computing concepts of input, output and process through our 'Connecting Computers' unit. We will also be introducing the idea of networks. After the half term, we will be creating media through the use of stop-frame animation.