

### English

Our English this term will be centred on the book Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. We will read the book together, and use it to scaffold diary entries, letters, explanation texts and some journalistic writing. We will have **SPaG** lessons in order to learn how to build good sentences and paragraphs. We will be following the No Nonsense Spellings scheme, with 5 **spellings** lessons over each two weeks. Reading **comprehension** lessons will be centred on sharing a book and will practice techniques to aid our understanding and appreciation of the texts that we read. They will also have regular slots in which to read their own books from home, independently. Please help your child to choose an appropriate text.

### Maths

In Maths we will look at area and perimeter, position and direction, shape, algebra, ratio, statistics and measure. We will continue to recap and develop our formal written methods for all four operations and our arithmetic. We will regularly practice our reasoning skills with some trickier problems. After half term we will continue to go over any areas of particular difficulty. We will try to solve complex problems using bar modelling.

### Science

As scientists we will be investigating light, how it travels, reflection, refraction and how we see. We will also study electrical circuits using lights and buzzers and have a go at making our own switches.

### R.E

In RE this term we will be looking at Hinduism.

### Computing

In Computing this term we will be researching and planning a holiday to North America! We will use PowerPoint to present our findings.



### Our values this year:

**Friendship** – is the vital link with others which nurtures and sustains us through life.

**Truthfulness** – the importance of being true in our dealings with one another and how to be true to oneself.

**Respect** – treating each other, belongings and the environment with dignity.

### Art

As artists, we will be learning about the contemporary American artist Sandra Silberzweig. We will learn about her individual style and have a go at creating our own portraits, using pastel and coloured pencils.

### PE

Games lessons will take place on Thursdays with Atlas sports. Our PE lessons on Tuesdays will be Dance.

### Music

Step dance performance - getting into the groove exploring rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance.

### French

This term we will be thinking about where we live and how to describe our homes. The children will design their dream houses, including furniture, using prepositions to describe where it is placed.

### Geography

Our topic this term North America; its countries, cities and landmarks. We will research and compare Death Valley to Gloucester!

### History

We will learn a little about the history of the Americas. We will create timelines to see just how long the Mayan civilisation has existed. We will learn just how advanced the Mayans were.

### D&T

We will research, design, make and taste our own Mayan hot chocolate!

### PSHE

This term we will focus on building positive friendships and relationships and look at the influence that the media has on how we feel about ourselves.