

## ENGLISH

Our new class book: War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. Although a fictional work, it gives a fantastic insight into WW1, and of how animals were also war heroes. This book will inspire character and setting descriptions, and ultimately, writing a short chapter to add to the book. After half term, we will be designing persuasive adverts - joining the war effort - and later, a letter home from a soldier. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and sentence composition will be taught throughout.

## MATHS

Initially, place value will be the focus, with geometry on Fridays; later, the four operations, fractions, decimals, percentages and measures. Throughout, we will be brushing up on times tables knowledge and mental arithmetic - fluency, accuracy and speed. As always, we pay particular attention to using reasoning and problem solving skills.

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

Our history focus this term will be to consider who the key invaders and settlers were over time. We will look into the reasons leading to WW1, and the locations of the most significant battles. We will also look at the Mayan civilisation - its rise and fall. In geography we will be studying South America, considering where people live and why they live there. Both subjects will take us back through different periods of time, but with a particular focus on WW1 and the Mayans. After half term, we will have a WW1 day - more information to follow...

# Curriculum Overview

## Eco Class

### Autumn Term

Mrs Bousfield/Mrs Hall  
(Class Teachers)  
Mrs Midgley (TA)

## MUSIC

During the 1<sup>st</sup> half term, the children will be developing their knowledge and use of stave notation, combining pitch and rhythm to create short compositions, using tuned instruments. Later in term, they will be listening to and appraising Vivaldi's four seasons. The children will also prepare and participate in a Christmas performance.

## PSHCE & RSE

Internet safety - media, literacy and digital resilience, online relationships, positive & caring friendships, anti-bullying, and families & people who care will be our PSHCE and RSE focuses this term, alongside mental wellbeing.

## PE (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Our focus to begin with on Tuesdays will be circuit training and children designing their own circuits. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half term, they will be doing a unit of dance. Thursdays will begin by learning and developing skills needed in invasion games with a focus on football, and later, tag rugby. They will be learning tactics and teamwork, alongside various ball skills.

## ART

We will start the term with art, and following the half term break, we will move to DT. The children are going to be learning the skills needed to produce a self-portrait. They will be looking at fine pencil drawing techniques, and experimenting with these. Children will be exploring the work of Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo, and drawing inspiration from her style.

## SCIENCE

Our first focus this term will be living things and their habitats, including microorganisms. We will look at classification systems, comparing nocturnal animals, and we will investigate nocturnal life in our own school habitat! After half term, we will be studying electricity, specifically, electrical circuits.

**Reading:** children should be reading at least 30 minutes a day at home (minimum of 5 times per week), which needs to be signed off by parents in their diaries. We will be giving raffle tickets each time they achieve this - the prize will be a book voucher - class winner to be drawn at the end of the academic year!

**Spellings:** please help children to practise their spellings for the test on Wednesdays. They will have 4 varied practice tasks each week.

**Homework:** in addition, children will be set 2 reinforcement tasks on IXL (on Fridays) to embed current learning. Plus, a fortnightly piece of topic, art or science will be given.