

## The Americas



### Geography

This term the children will learn about North and South America and study their human and physical geography. They will move on to comparing the geography of the Western United States with the West Midlands before comparing Rio and São Paulo with Birmingham and London. Finally, they will complete a mini-topic focusing on developing their geographical skills.

### English

Our class texts are 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner and 'The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day' by Christopher Edge. The children will develop the skills needed to write a persuasive letter, newspaper report and explanation text as well as narrative writing. They will also study the poems from 'Overheard in the Tower Block' by Joseph Coelho.

### Art

Drawing & Painting - Children will explore different drawing materials and practise their drawing skills. They will then combine them to create an image of a fish.

### French

The children will learn the names of different instruments and how to give opinions on these. They will also learn about Claude Monet and how to give opinions on paintings.

### DT

To develop their sewing skills, the children will join textiles using a range of stitches and seams to design and make a keepsake cushion.

### Maths

While developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills, the children will complete units on: statistics, properties of shape (including angles, polygons, circles and nets of 3D shapes), position and direction and further consolidate their learning in preparation for secondary school.

### PSHE

The children will look at healthy sleep habits, sun safety, medication and immunisation. They will look at personal identify and how to keep safe in different situations including responding to emergencies. There will also be sessions on growing up and puberty led by the school nurse.

### RE

The children will learn more about the Sikh faith and how the Gurdwara is central to many Sikhs daily life. After half term the children will learn about the life of Dr Hany El Banna, focusing on how your life can be guided by your faith.

### Computing

The children will find out how data is transferred over the internet and look at the make-up of data packages. Following on from this, they will learn how we can use the internet to communicate and how effective different methods are. After half term, the children will find out what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites.

### Science

The children will learn about human lifestyles and how to describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Later, in our evolution and inheritance topic, they will learn about inherited traits and apply their knowledge to various animals and plants. They will be introduced to the work of Mary Anning and Charles Darwin.

### Music

The children will learn about beat, syncopation, pitch and harmony, while taking a musical trip around the world to celebrate the universal language of music. The children will also be learning the songs for their end of year production.

### PE

While developing their athletic skills, the children will plan their basic fitness programme and learn about appropriate warm-up and cool-down activities. The children will develop their agility in ball chasing games while they learn that it takes perseverance and practice to improve their performance. They will set their own targets and will recognise their strengths and weaknesses in a performance.

### You can help your child by:

Supporting them with reading for 20 minutes a day; checking Accelerated Reader Home Connect to follow your child's progress in reading; helping them to learn their weekly spellings; practising their times tables with them (encourage the use of Times Tables Rock Stars); supporting them with completing and uploading homework; checking ClassDojo regularly for key information; ensuring they have the correct equipment and PE kit.