



**This half terms topic is Architects of the future**

**The main focus of our topic this half term is to celebrate the diversity of our community. We will be exploring the local community and looking how it has changed over time. We will look at architecture to determine how it has changed.**

### **Literacy**

This half term we are focussing on an Author study. We asked the pupils who their favourite author is, and they told us that it was David Walliams. We will be collecting facts about David Walliams and creating fact files. Within an author study we will look at different books by the same author through text and media, we will look for similarities on how the books are written, identifying the author's style. The children will then compare the style in which the author writes to another well known author such as Roald Dahl.

With this in mind, we started off watching Gangsta Granny before the Easter holidays and we are using the book Blob as a basis for our own David Walliams style of narrative.

### **Maths**

In year 3 we are exploring measurement which will include mass and capacity and looking at developing our knowledge of statistics.

In year 4 we will be focusing on decimals, money, time and statistics. We will be looking at extending our learning of decimals when we are focusing on money.

### **Curriculum foci**

**Science:** We will be learning about Light and dark Sources, reflectors, shadows, sun safety and working scientifically.

**PSHE:** We are looking at how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle e.g. through food and exercise.

**D&T and ART:** Photography. graffiti art. Observational drawing and sketching of the local environment; developing skills in sketching and observational drawing.

**Geography:** We will be focussing on developing the use of geographical map skills. We will be going out into our local community using field work of the local area to support this skill, but also to look at the changing geography within our local area.

**RE:** We are asking and exploring the question - Does Jesus have authority for everyone?

**Computing:** We are focusing on Photo stories- presentations using PowerPoint.

### **Home Learning**

This term we are focusing on spellings, times tables and reading daily. When reading with your child please record this in the diary provided. Ensure that you ask lots of questions about what they have read. Spellings and times tables will be sent out on **Friday** and returned on **Thursday**.

Please encourage your children to practise times tables daily as this underpins maths.

### **Reminders**

All children need to have their P.E kits in school **every Monday and take them home on Friday**. PE for all Tropical Birds will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Library books also need to be in school on your child's library day so that they can be changed regularly.

### **Snacks**

Children may bring in a piece of fruit, some vegetable snacks, dried fruit or a fruit bar to have at morning break but please do not send in anything which contains nuts due to allergies within school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Ryan, Mrs Rusnakova, Mr Ripley and Miss Horvath.

### **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 22nd May	Flamingo class assembly
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Wednesday 5th June	Fraser Portraits School photos
Friday 14th June	Bring a man to school day
Monday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th June	Trip to Legoland
Wednesday 3rd July	International Language Day
Thursday 4th July	Transition Day
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fete
Thursday 11th July	SEN Parents Evening at 3.30pm
Friday 19th July	Break up for the Summer break