

# English

**Writing:** We have so many wonderful books this half term! The Pirates Next Door will help us to write an adventure story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will help the children to create an advert for a sweet and finally The Great Fire of London will be used to write a recount.

**Grammar:** We are learning about verbs, nouns, adjectives and apostrophes (for contractions and ownership). Once we have learnt these concepts the children will use them in their own writing.

**Reading:** Reading skills are so important- we use Vipers to help us learn how to answer comprehension style questions. The skills in vipers are: Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve and Sequence (for KS1).

Our whole class reader text will be `Charlie and the Chocolate Factory` by Roald Dahl.

# Science

Our topic is `Living Things and their Habitats` The children will learn to compare living, dead and things that have never been alive. They will explore different habitats, microhabitats and the animals that live in them. Finally, they will investigate how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals.

# PE

Our PE Days are **Thursday** and **Friday**. The children will learn gymnastics skills this half term, focusing on balances, creating routines and flexibility. On a Friday the children will have football skills with the Manchester United Foundation.

# PSHE

Our theme in PSHE is `Living in the Wider World`. The children will learn about being in a community. The children will find the similarities and differences in a community and the role and responsibilities within the wider communities. They will also learn about the internet in everyday life.

# Computing

The children will be learning about programming. They will focus on creating their own algorithms and learn how to debug to fix a problem. The children will use Scratch Jr to create algorithms to make an animation.



# Music

Our topic is `Once a man fell in a well` Where the children will learn to use their instruments to create a melody and keep in time.

# Art

This half term the children will learn about 3D sculptures. They will learn how to mould clay using clay tools to make their own sculptures.

# French

In French we will be learning about different body parts and continuing to learn how to make simple sentences in French. .

# Maths

## Multiplication and Division

The children will learn to solve one step multiplication and division questions using concrete objects, pictorial representation, arrays and equal groups. The children will also learn: 2, 5 and 10 times table, multiplications sentences, using arrays, making equal groups, sharing, grouping, dividing by 2, 5 and 10, bar modelling, solving multiplication and division questions.

## Money

They will be learning to count money, make amounts of money, learn how to give change and finally answer two step word problems involving money. It can be tricky for children to understand money, especially giving change. Using money in the shops supports this learning greatly.

# History

Our key question is `How have events in the UK impacted us today?` The children will be learning all about the events in the Great Fire of London. The children will focus on how events back then have changed the world today.

# Religion

Our R.E. topic this half term is `The Good News`. The children will learn how Jesus chose people to help him spread good news, the story of the Ten Lepers, Feeding the 5000 and how Jesus cured the Paralysed Man. We will share and discuss ways that Jesus inspires us and shows us the way.

## How Can I Help My Child?

- Daily reading for 15 minutes.
- Take time for homework. Homework will be handed out on a Tuesday and returned on Monday.
- The following [website](#) is useful to help practise making amounts of money.

**Date to remember: Class Assembly – 26<sup>th</sup> January 9:15am**