

Maths this half term will consist of fractions, fractions and more fractions! Once we've secured our knowledge of equivalent fractions, including converting between mixed and improper fractions, we will then apply this knowledge to many other concepts. Comparing and ordering fractions will precede the adding, subtraction and multiplication of fractions. We will also explore findings fractions of amounts and use fractions as operators.

Geography is our topic driver for this unit of work. We will specifically be exploring the different capital cities of Europe, and in a similar way to our North American unit, we will be comparing and contrasting trade, physical and human features of the land. The concept of 'identity' will underpin this topic where we will unpick how different European countries represent their culture and unique identities – through buildings, scenery, culture, traditions and food. The children will then consider their own identities too considering our key question – considering what makes an identify (including their own identities) unique.

In **Science**, the children will have the chance to experiment with the effects of air resistance, water resistance, gravity and friction.



English this half term will focussed around a book called Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce (please don't encourage your child to read it at home as we have specific lessons designed around specific chapters). The book is about two very different brothers, Damian and Anthony, who find themselves in the position of having lots of money. The twists and turns in the plot provide a brilliant guided read as we will explore characterisation of the brothers and the choices they make. As a final written outcome, the children will write their own Millions inspired story applying everything they've learned so far this year. The children have become really confident with their use of relative clauses, dashes and semi colons!

PE will take place twice a week with the children taking part in games and dance. PE will usually take place on a Monday and Wednesday but we would prefer for the children to have a warm outdoor kit and a gym kit in school all week. Dance will explore how different countries demonstrate their identities through different traditions.

In **DT**, the children will be identifying how different European countries demonstrate their culture and identity through food. The children will research, design and cook different dishes in groups.

Our **Computing** unit this half term will underpin our DT project where we will be refining our safe and efficient research skills to inform the cooking projects.

In **Music**, we are taking part in the exciting 'World at Large' project. We are thrilled to be creating a St. Mark's inspired piece of music and drama to perform to you on **Friday 28th February at 2.30pm**. With support of some experts from Anvil Arts, and our very own performance arts expert Miss Thomas, the children will be creating a performance piece based around our school values. Four whole days will be dedicated to this exciting opportunity and we cannot wait to see the results!