

In **Maths** this half term, our main focus will be on fractions. The children will recap their knowledge of unit fractions (e.g. $\frac{1}{6}$) and non-unit fractions (e.g. $\frac{5}{6}$) and be able to compare and order different fractions. Children will also learn about fractions larger than one by studying mixed and improper fractions and how to convert between these. Before we start fractions, we will spend a week thinking about perimeter and how to calculate it using a grid or by measurements.

In **Art**, the children will be looking at different forms of printing: such as block-printing, mono-printing and screen-printing. Using the UK as their inspirations, the children will be creating a range of different prints.

Geography is the main focus for this half term. The children will be discovering many areas of the UK, focussing on the differences between them. They will then be looking closely at the differences between human and physical features of geography and identifying some of the ones in the UK, using a range of maps and atlases to help them. Once the children have some understanding of the UK, they will then be set the challenge of planning Simba's UK road trip, stopping off at different places in the UK.



Simba's UK Road Trip!

This term, Year 4 will explore the big question:

What are the differences between the different regions of the UK?

Through our **English** this term, we will be using the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies as our focus text. Through our sentence stacking lessons, we will explore the use of figurative language for effect and a range of sentence structures. The children will explore and develop sophisticated vocabulary. This unit links to our geography, as we explore the positive and negative aspects of life in a city. We will also be writing a holiday brochure using rich description and persuasive language. The children will continue to develop grammar skills each week. This will enable the children to build their confidence in their use of punctuation and sentence features.

DT: In DT, we are going to be focusing on mechanical systems. We will be designing and creating a slingshot car to take Simba on his road trip. They will be combining elements together before testing the final product in a time trial.

In **PE**, the children will be developing their creativity skills to help them progress their sending and receiving skills, as well as using counter balances. They will also be exploring different apparatus in Gymnastics.

In **French**, a unit called 'Chez Moi' will be studied. Within this, children will learn how to speak and write about where they live.

In **RE**, our concept is salvation, considering why Christians celebrate the events of Holy Week. Children will explore the events of Holy Week and relate this to Christian life today.

In **Computing**, children will learn about the coding of websites by exploring HyperText Markup Language (HTML). They will learn how to read some simple HTML before using this knowledge to edit and create basic websites.

Living things and classification will be studied in **Science** this half term. Children will learn about different ways to group living things, as well as use a classification key. They will also identify how changes in environments can pose dangers to living things.