

In **Maths** this half term, we will learn about addition and subtraction, using mental and written methods to help solve problems. We will continue with our skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and also begin to learn about times tables through learning to recall multiplication and division facts for our 1, 2 and zero times table.

During our **PE** this term, the children will be working outdoors to develop their athletics skills. For our indoor sessions, they will develop their ball skills, learning about rolling, dribbling, kicking, throwing and catching different balls. **Please ensure your child is wearing their correct PE kit on Wednesday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors).**

In **Art**, we will use paper and paste to create Christmas tree decorations. Our key skill is to achieve a smooth surface on our models. When made the children will choose from a range of media to decorate them.

In our **RE** learning this term, we will look at the concept of "Light" with a focus on the Christian season of Advent and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.



In **Science**, we will continue to explore different materials and think about how their properties make them suitable for different purposes. We will perform simple tests in order to classify the materials.

## Our project, 'Fire! Fire!', will explore the big question, 'How does the past change the future?'

In **Music**, our focus is musical story telling using percussion instruments. We will represent different story elements through pitch, dynamics and tempo.

During our **Heart Smart and PSHE** learning this term, we will be looking at 'Don't forget to let love in'. We will be thinking about how to treat each other with kindness and how each of us is unique and special. We will also learn about how to be a good friend as part of our anti-bullying week.

In **History** this half term, we will learn about the Great Fire of London. We will discuss the lessons learnt from the fire and how things changed following it. We will explore artefacts and images to help us become historians and answer questions about the past.



Through **Computing**, we will learn about programming and debugging. We will learn about what an algorithm is and how they are used in computing.



In **English**, we will use 'A Crow's Tail' by Naomi Howarth to write our own stories, where the central character will face surprising challenges and have to keep going. Later in the half term, we will learn about non-chronological reports and diary entries. We will investigate the features of these genres in our sentence stacking lessons. We will then apply our knowledge to create our own diaries and non-chronological reports using the facts we have learnt about the Great Fire of London.

**Reading** will happen every day through Read Write Inc sessions and weekly 1:1 reading. Please continue to read frequently with your child at home.