

Amazingstoke!

For **Maths** this term, our learning will start by continuing with understanding mass and capacity including reading different scales and solving problems. Later this term, the children will also build upon their existing knowledge of fractions to now add and subtract fractions with the same denominator (e.g. $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$). The children will also be taught how find fractions of numbers such as one-fifth of 30.

Our **English** for this half term, is based around the lovely book 'The Last Tree in the City', by Peter Carnavas, where the children will be focusing on using different sentence types for impact on their reader. We will also explore descriptive language using poetry with a focus on metaphors and similes.

In **French**, we will be learning how to talk about our family members alongside revising numbers and different greetings.

In **Science** we will be investigating how water travels through plants and how changing factors affects a plant's growth. We will look at a dissected flower to identify the different parts and learn about flower reproduction.



This term, Year 3 will explore the big question:

How and why is our local area changing?

Our **Geography** this term will be the key focus of our topic. We will start by looking at where we are in the world and whether the most well-known places in Basingstoke are physical or human features. We will study our local area of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood on a map before making our own map with a key. Using Digimaps, we will look at how our land use has changed over the last 100 years and whether those changes have had a positive or negative impact on the environment. Later in this topic, we will be going on a walk around the local area to see how our land is used. More details to follow.

In **DT** we will be designing and making a seasonal fruit tart. The children will explore where fruit and vegetables are grown and imported from as well as research when foods are in season in Britain.

Through our **Computing** unit children will have the opportunity to look at and explore how to email others including how to attach a file.

In **RE**, we will be looking at trees as a symbol. We will be thinking about how trees can be used as a symbol of life and how they are used by people of religious and non-religious backgrounds.

In **Music**, we will be learning our third and final individual instrument - the recorder. We will be learning how to play the instrument and read notes on a stave.

In our **PE** lessons we will be developing skills for attacking and defending in basketball as well as creating dances to the theme of travelling and superheroes.

During our **HeartSmart** learning this term, we will be focusing on Fake is a Mistake and how we should be true to ourselves.

Times Tables Homework please ensure that children are having opportunities at home to embed their times tables - it makes a huge difference to retaining these vital facts!