

In Maths this half term, after finishing off our statistics unit, we will begin our shape unit focusing on classifying, estimating and measuring angles. This unit also involves calculating angles and lengths in shapes, then angles around a point and on a straight line. We will then move on to studying position and direction, which includes co-ordinates, symmetry and reflection.

In **History**, we will be learning about the different experiences of black people living in Britain over time. We will begin during the Roman Empire as black Roman soldiers began to settle in Britain, travel to the Tudor era, look at the rise of the slave trade & the key figures, who acted for the abolition of slavery. Finally, we will explore the impact of Empire Windrush and the experiences of black people living in Britain over the changing landscape of the last 60 years.

Our **D&T** unit this half term is textiles where the children will create a stuffed cushion using blanket stitch. We will theme this around the Windrush movement.

The **HeartSmart** theme for this half term is 'Fake Is A Mistake' as the children consider the importance of telling the truth to others and also being true to themselves.

Our **Computing** unit will involve making music using the program 'Scratch'. Children will 'tinker' with the software before composing a piece of music to accompany a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean.

**Music** this half term will involve listening to Blues music and learning about the origins of this.



We can't wait to learn more **French** this half term. The children will be learning how to say and write the names of different items of clothing.

**Keep an eye out!** In the second half of the Summer term, we have a trip to Brighton Hill Secondary School. Keep an eye out for permission letters!

**PE** will continue to take place every Wednesday (outdoors), where we will be learning rounders, and Friday (outdoors), where we will be learning basketball. Please keep an eye on the weather and ensure PE kit is weather appropriate – rain or shine!

**Some children have swimming instead of rounders.**

In **English** this half term, Year 5 will be writing newspaper articles linked to the arrival of the ship HMT Empire Windrush, which docked in Tilbury on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1948. The children will then compose and perform a poem from the perspective of those aboard the ship. Throughout, children will continue to implement many skills and techniques from the 'Writing Rainbow'. Please remember SPAG homework is due in every Thursday.

In **Science**, the children will be learning all about Living Things and their Habitats. We will start the unit by exploring and describing the life processes of reproduction in some plants. The children will have the opportunity to dissect a lily, look at the male and female parts of the flower and then use microscopes to look at these parts in more detail. The children will explore sexual and asexual reproduction in flowers, and use scientific diagrams to label the parts of a flower. We will also be studying the life cycles of butterflies as we grow caterpillars in each classroom as well as learning about the life cycles of amphibians, birds, insects and mammals.