

## English

Our first text this half term will be 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. We will be developing our persuasion skills by thinking about how the giant may be persuaded to allow the children to continue to play in his garden. We will look at arguments for and against and have the opportunity for debate. We will then focus on developing our descriptive writing skills and looking at the language of this text.

In guided reading we will continue our 'Giant' theme by initially exploring 'Greta and the Giants' a story based on activist Greta Thunberg. We will then explore James and the Giant Peach and The BFG. The children will continue to complete activities designed to develop their comprehension and understanding of vocabulary.

In spellings there will be a focus on statutory spellings, words ending in 'sure', possessive apostrophes and homophones. We will continue to reinforce spelling strategies to aid this. The children will also be encouraged to continue with neat, legible and joined up handwriting using our letter join handwriting scheme.

## D&T

The first skill we will focus on is cooking and nutrition. We will initially explore different foods from around the world and how they are used. We will then move on to exploring how to cross stitch!

## MFL

During French, we will be exploring colours! Initially learning how to say and pronounce colours in French. We will then move on to numbers to 10 and use this to be able to introduce ourselves and our age in full sentences!

## PSHE

We will begin the year by focusing on Fire Safety. Explaining the difference between a purposeful fire and an accidental fire and exploring how we can minimise accidental fire risk. We will continue on to Keeping Safe and explore the risks of leaning out of windows.

## Year 3

### Autumn Term 2

### *Our Local Area: Brighton Hill*

## Geography

In Geography we will initially begin revising our knowledge of the continents of the world. We will then focus on the continent of Europe and learn different facts about the countries. We will then focus on our own local area of Brighton Hill and explore the kind of environment we live in.

## Music

In music we will be exploring the music of China. We will learn a traditional Chinese lantern song and then explore how we can use percussion instruments to support this. We will learn the names and orders of notes we need to play.

## Maths

Our first unit is about developing our understanding of fractions and geometry. We will initially begin by recapping fractions learnt in KS1 (half, quarter and third). We will then introduce fifths and tenths. Children will explore what this looks like and the value. We will learn the meaning of a denominator and a numerator and begin to solve addition and subtraction calculations involving these. We will then move on to equivalent fractions. After this we will focus on geometry. Exploring what we know about 2D and 3D shapes. And what a 3D shape looks like as a net.

After this we will explore measurements including time.

## Science

Our first science topic this half term is 'Animals and Skeletons'. We will learn how skeletons protect vital organs, learn the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate. We will then move on to explore how skeletons support the weight and movement of different animals including humans.

## RE

Our focus is around 'Light as a symbol' we will explore how many different religions use light as a symbol and their meanings.

## PE

The children will receive two PE lessons a week. Planet Education will be coaching the children on Wednesday. In our other session we will focus on developing our dance skills with a theme of 'Machines'.