

## English

In English this term we are using the text *The Whale by Ethan Murrwo and Vita Murrwo*. We will start by exploring the text and using it to write our own setting narrative. We will improve our use of language by using fronted adverbials, prefixes and suffixes, noun phrases and improve description using figurative language.

After we have created our own narrative we will move onto writing our own newspaper report. We will explore how they are set out and how language is used to inform and explain. We can then emulate the writing style in order to communicate effectively.

During this time, we will continue to improve our spelling, word choice and grammar in context.

We will also be improving our reading and comprehension skills through daily Shared Read sessions.

## Science

During our Animals including Humans unit, children will become familiar with the basic parts of the digestive system and what roles they play. We will explore the types of teeth and their functions, including looking at differences between those teeth of herbivores and carnivores. We will then move onto food chains, investigating producers, predators and prey.

## Maths

In maths, we will start by looking at place value. We will review 2 and 3 digit numbers, before moving on to numbers well into their thousands. We will do lots of playing with numbers to understand their value. As the term progresses, we will start to use and understand negative numbers, rounding numbers and will start reading and writing Roman numerals.

We will then focus on addition and subtraction, solving problems involving numbers up to 4 digits. We will develop skills in estimating accurately and an understanding that addition is the inverse operation to subtraction, and using this to solve two-step problems.



# Ditton Primary School

## Year 4

### Autumn 1 - Romans

## RE/PSHE

In RE we will be exploring Hinduism and the celebration of Diwali and ourselves in PSHE and what makes us an individual.

## History

In history this term, we will be delving into the life of the Ancient Romans. We will start by investigating where in time the Roman Empire occurred and comparing it other civilisations at similar time period. We will look at how the Empire started and advanced to become one of the greatest Empires of European history.

As we continue to look into their history we will explore the impact they had on Britain and the rest of Europe, looking at the advancements they made.

## Computing

Firstly, our focus will be on E-safety. This is a unit that will be revisited throughout the year. We will look at keeping children safe and happy when online by knowing what search engines to trust and looking into cyber bullying. We will then move onto word processing to organise and present information.

## Art

In art we are studying collage and mosaics, looking at the work of Antonio Gaudi. Children will be using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. They will start by learning about Gaudi, moving on to designing and creating their own mosaic and stained glass window using inspiration.

## PE

We will be learning to swim at the local SWIM! There, expert trainers will educate the children on water safety, basic swimming techniques and move onto more advanced swimming styles and swim safety techniques.