

### English

This half term, we will be reading the book *The Rhythm of the Rain* written by Grahame Baker-Smith. Through deep discussion and rich analysis, children will develop their understanding of the story, as well as expanding their vocabulary and comprehension. Children will then have the opportunity to write an alternative setting narrative of their own, using their newly acquired skills. Following this, they will write an alternative information leaflet about a river.

### Science

Rocks will be the focus of our Science lessons this half term. Together, we will compare and group different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties as well as recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. Children will also be able describe in simple terms, how fossils are formed when things that once lived are trapped within rock. There will be plenty of practical investigations carried out to really deepen understanding.

### Maths

This half term, children will continue their work on multiplication and division before moving onto exploring fractions.

Children will compare, add and subtract fractions, find equivalent fractions and find fractions of objects and amounts.

### History

In history we will be learning about early civilisations including Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Sumer and the Shang Dynasty.

We will explore the origins of these Civilisations, how and why they grew, what life was like, their biggest achievements and how they contributed to the life in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain.



### Art

In art, we will be exploring the work of L.S. Lowry.. We will be studying various pieces of his artwork and engaging in rich discussion in order to develop our artistic knowledge. We will explore different sketching techniques. in order to eventually create our own pieces, in a similar style to that of Lowry.

### RE

Our focus this half term in R.E. is on Christianity and Jesus. Children will come to understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and the importance of shared values that affect the way we treat others. Children will be encouraged to reflect on their own personal qualities and ways in which they can make a difference in the world.

### Computing

The focus of computing lessons will be presenting information using Microsoft PowerPoint. Children will become familiar with the programme, learn skills including transitioning, animating and incorporating audio and video into their presentations. Once they have practiced and developed the required skills, children will create their own presentations about rocks, using their knowledge from science lessons.

### PE

In this unit children perform dances, focusing on creating, adapting and linking a range of dance actions. These are inspired by a variety of subjects, including some traditional, social and/or historical dances. They work with a partner and in small groups. As they work, children will develop an awareness of the historical and cultural origins of different dances.