



## This is what we will be learning this half term ...

### Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme. Our focus for this half term will continue to be addition and subtraction, 2D and 3D shapes. We will be using part whole models to help us work out fact families, solving addition and subtraction problems, subtracting by crossing out to find out how many is left as well as using a number line. We then will move on to 2D and 3D shapes.

### English

Our focused text this half term is 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen. It is about a bear has lost his hat and he wants it back, he asks everyone he comes across but no-one has seen it, in fact, it turns out, some of them don't even know what a hat is. After asking quite a few passers by, he sits and thinks, and realises HE HAS SEEN HIS HAT!! We will use this text as a stimulus to help us write Questions, speech bubbles, letters and lists.

### DT

In DT our focus is 'slider mechanisms'. We will be learning about the different sliders. We will then be using this knowledge to design and make our own Christmas slider card.

### Physical development

Our focus this half term will be dance. We will be exploring travelling actions, balancing and movement skills. We will be copying and repeating actions and linking them together to make short dances.

### History

Our History focus this half term is 'Toys'. We will be looking at how toys have changed over time. We will be looking at similarities and differences in toys over time.

### RE

Our RE key question is 'What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?' We will be learning why Christmas is important to Christians.

### Forest School

In the forest our focus is 'Forest art'. We will be learning to use things found in the forest to create pieces of art.

### Computing

In our computing sessions our focus will be sorting and grouping. In this unit we will sort items by different criteria away from the computer. At the computer, they will use Grouping on Purple Mash to sort items. We will then move onto pictograms where we will look at how they can be used to represent data.

### Music

In music we will be exploring soundscapes, graphic scores and the inter related dimensions of pitch, duration, timbre and tempo. We will also be listening to and appreciating some of John Williams most famous pieces of music. He is famous for writing scores for films such as Home Alone, ET, Star Wars and Jurassic Park.

### Science

Everyday materials is our Science focus. We will be naming objects and identify the materials they are made from, describing the properties of different materials, sorting and grouping objects, and making predictions about materials and carrying out scientific tests.

### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will also be exploring aspects of mindfulness through our circle times and stories. We will be using relaxing and calming techniques throughout the day.