**Modern Languages**

We are using our French calendar daily. We will also be improving our written French vocabulary.

SCIENCE

We are going to be investigating the effects of magnetic, static and gravitational force on objects. This will involve completing experiments and design challenges.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

This class really love art! We have some very talented artists so I am excited to build on the children’s existing skills. We will be drawing still life pictures with a creative twist! Look out for some eye catching displays.

The children will work as part of a group to take part in design challenges.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our class novel is set in America and over time the landscape changes drastically. We will take this opportunity to learn about geography of the United States as well as the effects of global warming on our environment.

The children will benefit from outdoor learning sessions with Mrs Logan to prepare for our Garden Party.

**TECHNOLOGY**

Children will be set engineering challenges in the Discovery Zone.

**R.M.E.**

We will be studying the Hindu festival of Diwali. The story of light overcoming darkness.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

We will begin the term by building positive relationships. We will also look at aspects of positive lifestyles and healthy eating options. In the gym hall, our topics will be basketball and gymnastics. So lots of hard work on improving our existing skills.

**NUMERACY AND MATHS**

We will do daily mental maths to improve speed in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. For our main topics we will cover shape, measure and information handling. We will link maths to other curricular areas, for instance, we will make 2d shape tessalations with rotational symmetry. These designs will replicate rangoli patterns found during Diwali.

**LITERACY**

In term 1 we will be reading the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. Through the novel study we will explore setting and characterisation. We will also use the main themes of the story to inspire our own writing. We will be improving our existing knowledge of VCOP and apply this to our writing. Group reading sessions will take place throughout the week where we will answer a range of ‘Blooms’ questions.

**☺ HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME? ☺**

Make sure your child has gym shoes and shorts that can be kept in school for gym.

Please check over homework. Children are allowed to borrow a book from our class library. Take time to enjoy it together and please ensure it is returned it good condition.

In our drive to become a Rights Respecting School we will have Rights of the Fortnight. These are Article 2 (non-discrimination), Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity) Article 12 (views of the child) and Article 42 (knowledge of rights). Please ask your child about what they have learned about their rights!