



# Brackley C of E Junior School

Term 3



## WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and managed to make some wonderful memories over the holidays! Outlined below are the topics we will be covering in year 4 this term.

### Maths



A big focus for us in Year 4 is times tables. We will be practising the times tables that we used throughout Year 3 and working on learning the times tables that come under this year's curriculum. We will also be developing our knowledge of the four operations, through a combination of written and practical work, in order to ensure we are ready to move towards the formal written methods. Our main focus for this term is our multiplication and division skills. We will start by using visual representations to help consolidate our knowledge of the two operations before moving to more formal written methods.

### English



In English, we will be looking at the fairy tale genre, specifically Hansel and Gretel. We will read through and respond to the text, practising forming our opinions and justifying them. We will also look at the poetry of John Lyons - we will investigate how his background and upbringing is explored in his work and build towards writing our own poems. We will be continuing to develop our reading fluency through our daily guided reading sessions, which involve a combination of reading comprehensions, independent activities and reading.

### Science



In Science, we will be exploring living things and their habitats. We will start by learning about habitats and their common characteristics before identifying a range of organisms that inhabit them. We will begin to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways and recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will start to develop our knowledge of various organisms by using classification keys, and ultimately moving on to create our own.

### Religious Education



In RE this term, the whole school are exploring the question, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' We will be finding out about the nature of Brahman and how Hindus worship. We will also be making links between Hindu ideas about Brahman and how Hindus live their lives, which will include exploring what some Hindus believe happens when you die. We are delighted to welcome Avnish Thakrar, our Hindu faith visitor, back to Brackley Junior School this term to talk to the children about how he lives his life as a Hindu today.

### Geography



In geography, we will take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located and some of the ways in which geographers describe locations. We will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics.

### Design Technology



We are excited to start our first Design & Technology unit of the year this term where we will be creating our own felt juggling balls. The children will oversee the entire process, from product analysis, design, creation, and evaluation. We will develop our sewing skills through practise before creating our final piece and analysing each step.

### Physical Education



Outdoor PE this term is a brand new sport for us - lacrosse! We are very lucky to have lots of equipment to afford us the opportunity to try different sports. We will be building our knowledge of the game and its rules, whilst developing the necessary skills, such as hand eye co-ordination, stamina, and teamwork. The children will also continue swimming on a weekly basis to ensure their continued progression towards swimming 25 metres.

### Computing



Our computing lessons this term will be about programming. The children will be exploring how a simple programming language works and which keywords they can use. Following this, we will look at creating a simple animation programmer using a storyboard to form their design and write their code in the program 'Scratch'.

### Music



In music we will be exploring environmental sounds by using a range of stimuli to recreate music that reflects different surroundings. We will create sounds using our bodies and explore various instruments to create different tempos and timbres.

### Spanish



The children will be recapping their Spanish learning this term and then moving onto some grammar. We will be looking at 'Puedo' (I can...) which will allow the children lots of opportunities to use their great Spanish knowledge to construct their own sentences.

### PSHE



Children will take part in discussions on a weekly basis and will discuss a range of issues. This term we will begin by exploring hopes, dreams and goals. We will think about what this means and how it each person is different. We will look at various people who have achieved their goals and how they made this happen.

**Homework** Homework will consist of weekly reading and Times Tables Rockstar practice. Children will be given a reading record in which they need to record 4 weekly reads. This should be the reading book which is sent home with them. When they have finished this book, they may bring it back and get another. Children will be expected to complete 25 games a week. Children need to complete these in between Friday and Thursday each week

If you have questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our team. You can do this via email or phone call to Miss Jones in the school office. Please note, we do not monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.