



# Brackley C of E Junior School

## Term 2



### WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

We have had a great start to Year 4 so far! 4BFG have settled in nicely and have adjusted to our new routines well. We are very lucky to have a great team, consisting of Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Roberts and Miss, Ambrose.

#### 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 we didn't solidify by the end of the year. 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.

#### English



In English, we will be focusing on narrative writing this term. We will start by writing a descriptive piece called 'The Robin', which is based on a short, animated video to allow the children to develop their creative writing skills. After this, the children will be drawing inspiration from 'A Christmas Carol' to help them create another piece of detailed, descriptive writing.

#### Science



In Science, the children will be investigating electricity. Children will learn about how electricity travels around a circuit and how it enables us to power things. We will discuss different parts of the circuit and investigate lighting a lamp using various circuits. By the end of the unit, children will be able to construct a basic circuit and edit components to change the flow of electricity.

#### Religious Education



This half term, the children will be completing the topic 'Incarnation'. The pupils will learn about the Holy Trinity: the voice of God, Jesus as the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. Pupils will learn about the trinity through the gospel story the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist: Matthew 3:11-17. They will discuss the significance of this story to Christians and what it teaches about the trinity.

#### Geography



In Geography, we will be looking at water around the world. We will start by learning about the natural rivers and oceans and move on to man made examples. We will be learning about key features of the water cycle and the importance it plays, in addition to natural disasters, which will build on our knowledge of water from our States of Matter in Science last term.

#### Design Technology



This term we are very lucky to be visiting the professional kitchens of Kingswood in Corby. The children will have a fantastic day immersed in the kitchen, where they will create their own dish independently from start to finish. They will learn how to prepare ingredients, cook them and most importantly, tidy up as they go!

#### Physical Education



Outdoor PE this term will focus on basketball skills. We will start by learning about the sport and how to play the game before building our skills each week. We will learn how to pass and catch, as well as some team strategies. The children will be continuing their weekly swimming lessons.

#### Computing



Our Computing lessons this term will be about image editing. The children will learn to edit images in various ways using specialist software. We will start by looking at what it means to edit an image and the reasons behind doing so. By the end of the term, the children will have had opportunities to edit their own images to alter them including cropping, colour rebalancing and retouching.

#### Music



This term we will continue looking at how sound is made and classified. We will be focussing on body percussion as we explore how to make different sounds with their voices by beat boxing, singing four-part rounds and jazzy rounds.

#### Spanish



The children will be recapping their Spanish learning this term. We will move onto Las Verduras (vegetables) and practise talking in a shop environment to order food. Towards the end of term we will be looking at Christmas in Spain. We will study their traditions and learn some key Spanish Christmas phrases.

#### PSHE



This term, we are thinking about celebrating differences. We will be exploring who we are and how amazing it is that everyone else is different! During this term, we will also be having anti-bullying week, where we will think about what bullying is and what we can do to prevent it. During the lessons, we will be playing games to help connect us as a class and taking some time for mindful meditation.

#### Homework

Homework will consist of weekly reading and Times Tables Rockstars practice. Children will be given a reading record in which they need to record 4 weekly reads (a minimum of 40 pages in total). This should be the reading book which is sent home with them. When they have finished this book, they may bring it back and select another. Children will be expected to complete 25 TTRS games a week – these will need to be completed 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 Faulkner-Gant in the school office. Please note, we do not monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.**