### **English, Communication and Languages**

Over the term, the class will study two narratives, a letter and a diary. They will learn about the features of each text type and write their own versions.

We will continue to develop correct letter formation – including diagonal and horizontal strokes to support cursive (joined) handwriting.

Your child will continue to develop their understanding of grammar such as paragraphs, conjunctions and fronted adverbials. This term the Year 3s will learn to spell homophones and words ending with '-que', '-gue' and '-sion', while the Year 4s will learn to spell words containing 'sol', 'real', 'phon' and 'sign'.

In French, we will learn vocabulary linked to month names, types of clothing, money and shopping, going on holiday, towns, the weather, hobbies and school.

# Historical, Geographical & Social Understanding

Our topic 'Ancient Civilisations' is centred around the subject of History. We will learn about the history of three of the world's first civilisations, learning that water sources and farming were crucial factors in their success. We will find out about important inventions, the growth of cities, the lives and roles of different people, and identifying similarities and differences between ancient Sumer and ancient Egypt. They will learn vocabulary such as Fertile Crescent, irrigation, nomadic, ziggurat, cuneiform, primary and secondary sources, and shaduf.

In RE, we will use our Bibles to learn what is written about Pentecost, find out how this celebration is linked to the Holy Spirit, and learn how Pentecost impacts Christians today.

#### The Arts

In the first part of the term, children will develop their sketching skills leading onto using wire and clay to create a small figurine. Later on, we will learn about features of Islamic art including geometric motifs and create our own artwork using paper, fabric and clay.

In Music, the class will learn to play the ukelele. Information on a performance to follow.



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## Physical Development, Health & Well Being

Our main focus in school will be Netball and then Athletics on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs England, and we will continue to learn about the importance of living an active lifestyle. On Wednesday afternoons, Ms Hassan will teach Tennis and then Cricket. We will also be learning a traditional country dance to perform for an audience.

We will continue to learn about wellbeing and self-awareness through our Zones of Regulation digital curriculum.



### **Mathematical Understanding**

The children will develop their knowledge and application of measurement using time and money. We will also learn about decimals and broaden our knowledge of fractions, and for geometry the children will learn about lines, angles, polygons, coordinates and grids.

As before, Year 4s will have plenty of times table practice in preparation for the MTC in June.



# Scientific & Technological Understanding

In Science, there will be plenty of hands-on learning opportunities. Your child will learn that light is an energy form essential to life on Earth. They will identify and investigate light sources and reflectors, and the difference between them. Later, they will revise parts of a plant and learn about the life cycle of a flowering plant and investigate how water and nutrients are transported in plants.

