

## What am I learning this half term? Summer 1 2024

Mrs Coles will teach all pupils in Class 4, with support from Mrs Lyons.

Years 5 and 6 will be taught together, but may work in small groups where appropriate. There will be a strong emphasis on Year 6 SATs revision.

Our topics for this half-term are Earth and Space, Ancient Greece and the artist Peter Thorpe. These all form part of the wider curriculum and will be taught during the afternoons.

### Science

#### Earth and Space

In this unit, students will be learning about the Earth and the Moon, and how their interactions with other planets and the Sun affect us here on Earth. We will be looking at how the light of the Sun, and reflections from the Moon, cause light, day and shadows. We will be looking at scientists, and how they discovered/are discovering about space.

The unit ties in with the History unit 'The Greeks', and we will look at the theories Ptolemy developed, and how later Copernicus changed them, and whether they had evidence for what they thought. In doing so, we will consider how scientists made observations and discoveries before the invention of telescopes.

### History

#### Ancient Greece

Children will learn about who the Ancient Greeks were, life in Ancient Greece and key beliefs. They will also assess the significance of Alexander the Great and consider the Greek legacy. There will be opportunities throughout the unit to study a range of evidence which pupils should be starting to assess the reliability of.

### PE

This half term in PE Year 5 & 6 will be covering Tennis and Cricket. In Tennis pupils will look at practicing the correct techniques for striking the ball, moving around the court, serving and scoring their own games. In Cricket, pupils will be addressing how the game works, striking the ball and how to correctly field and throw in adapted games.

### RSHE

#### Families and People who Care for me

Pupils will consider the following questions:

P2: How can I stay fit and healthy?

P3: Can I avoid getting ill? M4: Who am I?

### RE

#### What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

This unit enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about being a follower of the Muslim religion. Children explore the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers. Children will gain a greater understanding of Islam and what we can learn from its beliefs, values and ideas. This investigation provides an opportunity to learn about the Qur'an and other forms of guidance.

### Art/DT

#### Peter Thorpe

This half term, the children will be learning about Peter Thorpe and the art that he creates. Thorpe is an American artist, illustrator and writer who is well known for his beautiful book cover designs and his striking paintings of rockets and outer space. Thorpe developed a fascinating illustration method for his Hillerman book covers by using Native American imagery.

He was particularly inspired by Navajo sand paintings and adopted a simple graphic style of drawing. Thorpe's rocket paintings use lots of bold colours and have been collected by famous authors and supporters of space exploration.

### Other Activities

Children will take part in Music and singing lessons each week with our Music teacher.