English

The book for this half term is the text 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This book supports character development, emotional response and changes of setting in narrative fiction. The overall aims of this are:

- To explore a longer, character driven narrative.
- To explore complex characterisation. To develop and articulate opinions on a fictional narrative. To explore and debate key themes within a narrative.
- Explore how authors develop characters and settings using inference and emotional response, looking at the importance of sentence structure and the effect of using more powerful vocabulary.

R.E.

Within R.E, we will discuss and emphasise Jesus' skills as a great teacher and to consider carefully the messages of the parables and how they impact on the lives of practising Christians. The children will also understand how Jesus' teaching makes an impact on people's lives, their values, choices and behaviour.

Maths

Our focus during this half term will be to ensure that the children will multiply 2 and 3-digit numbers and divide with remainders. They will also multiply unit and non-unit fraction by integers.

In addition, they will consolidate previous learning with daily arithmetic and mental maths work.

Please ensure that if your child does not have an instant recall of multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and the related divisions, that they are practised at home as these are needed for many maths topics taught, including fractions and area.

Science

In this unit, the children will research the significant scientist Carl Linnaeus who developed the modern system for classifying and naming organisms. They will research the characteristics of vertebrates and invertebrates and will decide where unfamiliar animals from the Amazon Rainforest belong in the classification system. Using their knowledge of the characteristics of different plants, the children will create their own classification keys for others to use. Finally, they will learn about microorganisms and will present their research on these in a way of their choice.

Computing

In this unit, children will consider small-scale systems as well as large-scale systems. They will discover how information is found on the World Wide Web, through learning how search engines work (including how they select and rank results) and what influences searching, and through comparing different search engines.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be practising their netball skills as an invasion game. They will also be learning and developing new dancing skills.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE this term, our topic is 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be looking at what 'relationship cakes', compromise and how to work collaboratively with others, even if they don't share the same ideas and views.

Geography

In this unit children will study the geography of the Amazon Basin which is the region of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. Children also will learn how the future of tropical rainforests and other ecosystems is connected to human lives and lifestyles.

D.T.

Children will begin by exploring some popular food dishes/ingredients within the Brazilian culture. They will adapt two of these basic recipes to suit their own needs/preferences and have the opportunity to cook using different methods, including baking, frying and slow cooking.