

# Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2024-25

**Literacy:** In our writing journeys we will study:

- Diary entries
- Setting descriptions
- Newspaper articles

Our key text for this term will be Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

**Numeracy:** We will begin the term by developing our place value knowledge for numbers up to 10 million. We will develop our knowledge of rounding and negative numbers. We will study the four operations and continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving abilities. We will also be looking at prime, square and cube numbers.

**Computing:** We will be studying Bletchley Park and secret codes. We will create information websites about Bletchley and presentations on figures from the history of computing.

**Extra-curricular activities:** Survival Steve will be visiting Sycamore Class to run 2 survival themed days. The second day will include building shelters in Wingham Woods. (First 2 days of Term 2).

Year 6

Unit: How will I survive?

Mr Perry, Miss Burke, Mrs Baldwin & Mrs Sweeney

**Science:** We will be studying light. We will aim to recognise that light travels in straight lines, and how this connects with how we are able to see. We will look at shadows and why they are the same shape as the object that casts them.

**Wider Curriculum:** In History and Geography we will study the Mayan civilisation. We will learn about how the location and environment in which the civilisation grew affected their religious beliefs, diet and farming. We will use and evaluate a range of sources, deciding which can be seen as reliable and which may not be. We will compare maps of modern-day Central America with maps of the Mayan civilisation, looking at both human and physical features. In art we will be explore the techniques used and appraise the work of Jerry Clovis. In music we will be learning how to play the ukulele. In French we will be learning about phonetics and use of key vocabulary.

## Helping at home:

Spelling homework will be sent out on a **Monday** afternoon and maths homework will also be sent out on a **Friday** afternoon. Homework may be returned up to the following Monday/Friday. Please ensure that your child is reading for 15/20 minutes every day and recording this in their reading record.

**R.E:** We will be asking 'what is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?'

P.E is on **Monday** and **Friday**. During our Monday session we will be developing our Tennis skills. On Friday we will be creating our own street dance routines.

