

### **Geography**

In Geography we will be focusing on France. We will learn about its physical characteristics such as rivers, mountains and climate, and explore its human features including French cities and famous landmarks. We will use a range of writing and map making skills to demonstrate our understanding. We will compare the capital cities of Paris and London and we will also use drama, cooking and our knowledge of the French language to explore French life and culture.

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LA FRANCE!**



## **Year 3/4 Spring Term 2020**

**This term Year 3 and 4 are learning all about France.**

### **English**

We will be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be analysing them and using them to plan, compose and edit our own writing. This will include stories, postcards, letters and instructions. We will also be reading and performing poems for the Poetry Festival in February. Children will be developing their understanding of different types of sentences. They will be increasing the range of punctuation they use in their writing and developing their understanding of clauses.

### **Yr 3 Maths**

We will continue to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and will progress to using formal written methods. We will further develop efficient mental and formal methods for addition and subtraction focusing on amounts of money to give change, using both £ and pence in practical contexts. Fractions work will focus on recognising, finding and writing fractions using small denominators. We will interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables and solve one and two-step questions.

### **Science**

In the first half of the term our focus will be forces and magnets. We will find out about magnetic forces and explore the behaviour and everyday uses of different magnets. In the second half term, we will be identifying and classifying different types of rocks and exploring how and why they might have changed over time and finding out about how fossils and soils are made.

### **French**

This term we will be learning stories and songs. Our text will be 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children will develop their knowledge of French vocabulary including animal names and asking and responding to questions.

### **Computing**

We will continue to learn to use technology safely and responsibly. We will design and create digital presentations about our topic work and learn about coding in the second half term by using Scratch and Hour of Code.

### **Art and DT**

Our focus in Art this term is going to be collage. We will be learning about the French artist Matisse and explore some of his work. We will create a range of collages using paper and scissors and continue to use sketch books to explore and plan ideas. In DT we will use a range of cooking techniques to plan and prepare a selection of savoury dishes for a French menu.

### **Music**

We will be developing singing skills by learning French songs and exploring musical structure and pitch.

### **RE / PSHE**

We will focus on Judaism in the first half term and explore how important it is for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do. Later in the term, we will be exploring the concept of Salvation and the Easter Story.

### **PE**

Games lessons will concentrate first on Tag Rugby and then hockey after half term. Our PE lessons will include aerobics and country dancing.