

## Literacy

This term we will write a narrative piece and a story. We will be developing our use of expanded noun phrases, descriptive openers and prepositional phrases. We will also focus on using the correct punctuation within speech and we will be writing speech in a variety of ways, whilst using action phrases to support our speech. The English lessons will be based on a book called 'The arrival.' This is linked to our topic for the term - New York. In our guided reading lessons, we will be reading 'The boy at the back of the class.' The children will be answering a series of questions based on the text they have read, focusing on key questions to develop their comprehension skills. During SPAG this term, the children will recap their understanding of the different words types and four types of sentences. They will also learn how to use determiners accurately, understand the difference between an active and passive sentence and they will be identifying and using modal verbs.

## Maths

This term the children will develop their understanding of the place value of numbers. We will then move onto securing our knowledge of the methods we use to carry out the four operations. We will be looking at different methods to tackle various arithmetic questions also, whilst practising different problem solving and reasoning questions.

## Music

Our first song for the Year is 'Happy.' We will start by finding the pulse of the music and comparing it to other pieces, whilst discussing how the song makes us feel, the story it tells and the mood it creates. We will then introduce instruments for certain parts of the song followed by learning the lyrics and performing as a class.

## Geography

Our focus for this term is New York. We will be looking at how New York has changed over time in detail, whilst appreciating the different boroughs and their features. We will also understand and use different geographical vocabulary to describe the boroughs. The children will learn about Ellis Island within New York in terms of its importance for Refugees and procedures that were carried out (History).

## Art

The children will be developing their sketching and shading techniques in order to sketch a portrait of themselves. This is linked to the passport images of refugees, who were travelling to Ellis Island.

## ICT

The focus of ICT this term will be e-safety. The children will be reminded of how to keep themselves safe online. They will also carry out research online in our Geography lessons to enhance their own Understanding of key vocabulary and terminology.

## PE

Our outdoor PE sessions will teach the basic skills and techniques the children will need to play Basketball competitively. Our indoor PE lesson, will focus on Gymnastics where children will work on their balance, precision, co-ordination and evaluation.

## Science

### Animals, including humans (Biology)

In science, the children will learn the purpose of the circulatory system, how it functions and the way it works when it is put under the stress of exercise. They will consider the importance of health and living a healthy lifestyle by understanding how diet, drugs and exercise can impact the bodies function. Finally they will begin to develop an understanding of how water and nutrients are transported around the body.

Amazing New York!

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## RE

In RE, we are exploring what it means to be resilient during hard times and why different religions may turn to faith as a way of helping them to cope with suffering. We will explore times when we have been sad or happy and what coping mechanism we have during these times and how having faith may have helped us more. We will also explore what different religions and non-religious people believe happens to life after death and how these beliefs may provide comfort.