

# What are we learning about this term?

## Theme

This term starts with the new, two week theme of 'Dragons,' which all children in the school will be taking part in. Our theme this term is 'Extreme Survival'. Through this topic we will learn how to describe and understand what life is like in very cold and very hot places for people, animals and vegetation.

### English

- We will write fictional diary entries, descriptions and letters.
- We will write instructions on how to survive in extreme situations.
- We will create an 'extreme survival' fact-file.
- We will write adventure stories based on a polar or desert expedition.
- We will use a range of descriptive vocabulary to describe polar and desert settings.

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### Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Solve measurement challenges linked to survival.
- Continue to improve knowledge and speed of number bonds and times tables.

## Science and Foundation subjects:

- As scientists we will be learning about forces and electricity.
- In Religious Education, we will help pupils to consider the qualities they admire in a leader whom they might be prepared to follow and the reasons for this.
- As geographers we will be looking at different climate zones and use maps and atlases to locate countries and describe features. We will describe similarities and differences between countries and ask and answer questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location.
- As designers, we will show we are aware of constraints when designing and building models and shelters and reflect on how we can adapt our design to solve technical problems.
- When using technology, children will search for and use information from a range of sources and make decisions about the usefulness of that information.
- As artists we will be looking at printing techniques.
- As musicians, we will be exploring pitch, tone and rhythm.
- As linguists we will learn how to describe ourselves in French.
- In PE, we will be exploring coordination and movement through gymnastics.

## Class Routines

This term we will be taking part in Forest School: 3H on a Monday and 3W on a Tuesday afternoon.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Sport on Thursday afternoon.

Homework will be set fortnightly and returned on the date specified in the green 'Work at Home Books'.

Maths homework books will be marked on a Friday. Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times each week for a minimum of 20 minutes and get their planners signed each time.