

## English

This half-term the children will be writing diary entries based on 'When Stars are Scattered' which is a book based on two Somalian refugees who live in a refugee camp in Kenya. The children will also be writing an information text based on our Big Question topic all about the British Empire.

## SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

The children will be continuing to revise the writing features they learnt throughout Year 4, including fronted adverbials, dialogue and subordinate clauses. The children will begin to learn Upper Key Stage 2 writing features, including parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas) and use of a relative clause.

## Big Question

This half-term our Big Question topic is 'What was the British Empire?' The children will be learning about the British colonies around the world and why the British Empire was created. The children will gain an understanding of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and how the slaves were treated. The children will learn about how the indigenous people were treated and how the British Empire funded the Industrial Revolution. The children will compare the difference between the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

## Science

This half-term our Science topic is 'Could you be the next CSI investigator?' The children will be investigating the states of matter, with a particular emphasis on materials that can be dissolved, filtered and evaporated. The children will be looking at how scientists have made use of changes to create materials that make our lives easier.

## Mathematics

This half-term, the children will be completing their multiplication topic looking at square and cube numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Our next topic is looking at fractions. The children will investigate what a fraction is and will find equivalent fractions.

It is essential that children practise their time tables weekly using TT Rockstars or Hit the Button. Each child has their own individual login for TT Rockstars. If your child needs a reminder of their login, please contact their class teacher.

## French & Music

Children will be having weekly steel pan sessions (with Mr Sinckler) and singing lessons with Ed Robinson on Friday. French lessons (with Madame Norris) are on Thursday mornings.

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## Computing

This half-term, the children will be looking at designing and creating a game using the computer programme Scratch.

## PSHE

This half-term, our topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will learn exploring their dream jobs and how to achieve their goals.

## Art

The children will be investigating Aboriginal Art and looking at influential Australian artists. They will be creating their own dot paintings which include Aboriginal symbols to tell a story.

## P.E-Sport

This half-term, our focus will be on dodgeball.

All children **MUST have the school PE kit** of a plain white T-shirt, black leggings/black shorts and pumps/trainers in a small PE bag. Uniform can be bought from the school office. PE kit must be brought in every **Monday and Thursday**.

## Homework

Weekly homework tasks will be sent home on **Friday** and are due in on **Wednesday** the following week.

## Daily tasks

- Practise spellings for the weekly spelling test.
- Times tables to be practised daily (TT Rockstars).
- Home reading book to be read and commented on.

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