

## **PE**

PE lessons will continue to be on Tuesdays. Many of the PE sessions this term will take place outside, so children need to have suitable clothes for the outdoors.

The children will also have tennis lessons, which will take place on Thursdays.

Children need to have trainers or plimsolls in school every day to enable them to use the climbing frame.

Please ensure that all of your children's clothes are named.

## **French**

The children will be learning basic French vocabulary each week through speaking and singing. They will be able to hold simple conversations in French.

## **Music**

The children will be listening and responding to a range of different styles of music. They will listen to 'Mambo' from *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein and try to create their own mambo rhythms using different instruments. All children in Y3 and some children in Y4 will continue to have a weekly tenor horn lesson with Mr Lavelle.



**Class Owl**

**Juniors**

**Summer 2019**

**Class Teacher: Miss Riches  
Thursdays: Mrs Harvey  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Rozier**

## **Mathematics**

This term will cover a range of topics such as formal written multiplication and division, decimals, time and negative numbers.

### *Times Tables*

All children should know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. The school now has a subscription to Times Table Rockstars. The children will be set specific tables each week to focus on when they play “Garage” and “Arena” games, whilst “Studio” and “Festival” games contain questions from all 12 times tables.

Children will be completing TT Rockstars activities based on their set tables numerous times a week, both via paper worksheets and the online games. The children will also be given a tables test each week based on the tables they have been set.

Children can access TT Rockstars and the online games from home, on a laptop or tablet.

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and to complete Mathletics and times table activities each week.

## **Topic**

For the first half term our topic is Extreme Earth. We will learn about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes, to tsunamis and tornados. After half term our topic will be Ancient Egypt. The children will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, who Tutankhamun was and how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate. The children will use ICT skills to undertake related research, and will also do different Topic-based Art and DT activities.

## **English**

In English this half term the children will be writing a non-chronological report about types of rocks, linking English to our Topic and Science lessons.

This term, the children will also be writing their own adventure stories, creating their own characters, settings and plots.

### *Reading*

Children will be reading every day at school and will also take part in guided reading and comprehension activities. Please encourage your children to read at home and remember reading doesn't always have to be books; magazines, comics, and newspapers are also great reading material.

### *Spelling*

Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. This gives you and your child the option of learning them on a school night as well as at the weekend. There will also be regular spelling and grammar lessons.

### *Handwriting*

There will be weekly handwriting activities to ensure the children's writing fluency and to improve presentation.

## **Science**

This half term, our science lessons will link to our Topic. The children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed, comparing and grouping rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. After half term we will be learning about the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles.