



# Spring Newsletter 4D

## Mathematics

Our focus will be on reasoning skills and so it will be essential for the children to have excellent recall of their multiplication and division facts to be able to access the tasks being presented to them. At this point in the year they are expected to know their  $\times 2$   $\times 3$   $\times 4$   $\times 5$   $\times 6$   $\times 8$  and  $\times 10$  multiplication tables so rehearsing these using TT Rock Stars both at home as well as during class time is invaluable. We will be investigating fractions in more depth, recognising families of common equivalent fractions and decimal equivalent of fractions. We will also work at a greater depth using co-ordinates.

## Geography

Map reading skills will be the focus of our work this half term on the UK and the British Isles. We will identify capital cities and cities of major importance to industry. Our focus will then shift to encompass Europe and its countries and their capitals. In preparation for next half term we will research major rivers and mountain ranges across Europe.

## English

Non-fiction texts will be used to reinforce the children's understanding of how different types of information can be presented and to what effect. The children will be encouraged to draw conclusions about how the layout of a text impacts on the reader and will produce their own information texts linking to our Geography topic.

The children will produce writing inspired by traditional fairy tales and an alternative fairy tale inspired by the texts covered will be an outcome.

Investigating the features of free verse with the intention of producing their own, will also be an aspect of literature we will cover this half term.

## R.E

This term the children will look at the importance of the Lord's Prayer, how and why we pray and different forms of prayer and how these may differ across faiths.