**The Arts**

In Music this half term, our new topic is **‘Poetry’.** We will use body percussion, instruments and movement to perform poems.

In French, we will be looking at **‘Our Family’**, which ties in nicely with the themes from our class novel.

**Humanities**

In History this half term we will be studying **The Egyptians.** We will be looking at ancient rituals and some of the main events.

In Geography we will be looking at Transportation. We will discuss the effects of pollution and traffic on our environment.

**‘Seeking Growth Together’**

Our work this half term will focus on the lead up to Christmas-an important part of the Liturgical Calendar. We will be looking at prayer in the life of Jesus, moving on to the Feast of Christ the King and eventually Advent.

We will also be studying a famous Saint- Mary Magdalene.

**Home Learning Platforms**

We will be using **Microsoft Teams** to upload homework assignments for you to complete.

Homework assignments are set on a Friday and are expected to be uploaded onto Teams by the following Wednesday.

You should also be accessing **Times Tables Rock Stars** on a regular basis. If you have any technical issues with home learning, please ask your class teacher.

**ICT**

In ICT, we will be going to the ICT suite and using **2Calculate.**

We will be using spreadsheets and Microsoft Excel.

**PE**

In **PE**, we will be playing the invasion game ‘handball’.

We will be developing our PE skills, doing bounce passes and throwing with control and purpose.

**Science**

Our topic this half term will be looking at **‘Forces and Magnets’.**

During this topic we will explore how forces can make objects start to move, speed up, slow down or change direction. We will compare how things move on different surfaces.

We will identify that magnets attract some materials, but not all. We will also learn about magnets poles and attracting/repelling.

**Maths**

This half term we will be continuing with **Addition and Subtraction.** We will be using column addition and subtraction to make our calculations much more efficient. We will be using worded problems to help develop our skills.

We will then move on to **Multiplication and Division.**

Times tables are crucial to our maths learning too. We will be looking at 2x, 5x, 10x and moving onto 3x and 4x tables. Keep practising these at home and use **Times Tables Rockstars** to help with your learning.

We will also be doing lots of arithmetic to help strengthen our mental recall skills.

**English**

During Autumn 2nd in English we will be reading the classic tale of ***‘Pinocchio’*** by Michael Morpurgo.

We will be looking at how this traditional tale is portrayed and will discuss friendships, bullying and family love.

In our **SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)** learning we will be continuing to look at word class, including nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and incorporating them into our independent writing.

We will be starting our new **RWI spelling** programme daily to help strengthen our spelling skills.