



# Parent Curriculum Overview

SUMMER TERM PINE CLASS

## ENGLISH

Our first English unit this term will have a narrative focus and will be based on an adaptation of the story 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be looking at creating character descriptions using a range of ambitious vocabulary and use dialogue in new ways to advance the action of the story. The children will be involved in daily guided reading sessions and regular handwriting and spelling activities. Reading continues to be a high priority. We ask you to support this by reading regularly at home and making comments in the home school link book. It is also encouraged that the children engage in writing outside of school to practise skills they have learnt throughout their school career such as using 'with' to extend sentences, using a range of adverbials and correctly punctuated speech.

## MATHEMATICS

We will begin to investigate shape and geometry. In this unit, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties as well as building on our knowledge of angles using protractors to measure and draw given angles. Following this, we will be investigating coordinates and plotting these within a quadrant and plotting specific coordinates in order to create specific polygons. After this, we will continue to learn about decimals this time ordering and comparing decimals that have up to 3 decimal places. It would be useful for the children to continue to practice their times tables as these continue to be vitally important in our maths learning. We use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract resources to ensure a mastery of understanding is achieved.

## PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Relationships'. We will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe and maintain healthy relationships online.

## HISTORY

In our history learning, we will be learning about ancient Greece following on from our introduction to the topic last term.

## GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we will be researching volcanoes. We will be looking at how they are formed, what happens when they erupt and we will investigate Mt Etna.

## COMPUTING

This term our topic is called 'Online Safety'. We will be looking at ways to identify if a website can be safe to use and how we can be sure the people we are talking to online are safe as well. This will be in conjunction with our PSHE topic this half term.

## DT

In our DT learning we will be developing our skills of using mechanical systems by creating our own pop up style books. The children will practice creating sliders, layers, spacers and levers all of which will be paper-based mechanisms.

## MUSIC

Our music will be focussing on the song 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. We will be looking at rhythm and pitch and registering and responding to the pulse of the song and other songs of this genre.

## SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating living things and their habitats in which we will investigate the life cycles of different animals and plants. We will also be researching the works of David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.

## PE

In PE this term, on Tuesday Arena will be leading Tennis and on Friday Mr Huxtable will be helping the children to develop their striking and fielding skills.

## RE

In RE, we will be continuing the story we have been looking at this term by hearing the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours and the story of Moses.

## INFORMATION

- Children should regularly access times table rockstars to continue to build their fluency
- PE kits should be in school every day. PE kits should be named. Please check that your child's PE shoes fit and they have a complete kit.