

### Literacy

**Key texts:** Hansel and Gretel (Anthony Browne), The Elves and the Shoemaker (Grimm Brothers).

**Purpose for writing:** To write a traditional tale.

**Writing:** The children will learn how to develop characters. They will use ambitious modifiers (adjectives), choosing from an expanding selection of words. They will make predictions about the tales and discuss the emotions and personalities of the characters. The children will learn about the morals of the two tales before planning their own.

**Grammar:** All children will learn how to punctuate direct speech precisely. They will use fronted adverbials for time to start their sentences. They will continue to work on using paragraphs to separate ideas and themes.

**Word reading/comprehension:** In reading comprehension, the children will focus on retrieving and summarising relevant information.

### Geography

**Focus:** Rivers and the water cycle.

**Learning:** The children will learn about the different parts of a river and will be able to explain how the landscape changes as you move from the source to the mouth. They will discuss the positive and negative outcomes of a river flooding and how it affects those living near the river. They will be able to explain the process of erosion and why the landscape changes as a result of physical geography. Finally they will explore the water cycle and be able to recall and explain the process and the key parts.

### Art

**Focus:** Post Impressionism.

**Painting skills:**

**Artist study:** Van Gough (Cottage Garden, Starry Night)

### Year 3/4

#### Spring 1

#### Cycle B

### **Rivers and the water cycle.**



### PE

**Gymnastics** - bridges

**Cricket** – passing overarm and underarm.

### PSHE

**Focus: Dreams and goals.**

Children will discuss what their dreams and goals are and understand that not everyone has the same goals, and it may take others longer to reach theirs.

### French

### Maths

**Key Facts:** Year 3 - Given one addend, quickly derive the other for sums of 100; Year 4 – As above, for 1000

#### **Multiplication and Division:**

Children will have a focus on learning their timetables up to 12. Year 3 will focus on their 2x, 3x, 5x and 8x tables. Year 4 will focus on their 3x, 4x, 6x, 7x and 9x tables. All children will learn how to do long multiplication in the column method, year 4s will go on to use this method using 3 digit numbers.

### Science

#### **Focus: States of Matter (Chemistry)**

The children will explore how particles are what materials are made from and they can act in different ways. They will explore how they act in liquids, solids and gases. They will learn about the different properties of each type of matter and label different items to the correct category. They will learn about what happens to the particles in water when it is heated or cooled. Finally, they will look at the water cycle which links to their geography topic.

**Working Scientifically:** Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support findings.

### Music

**Focus: Stop!**

Children will learn the grime style rap and have a chance to create their own rap based on this genre of music.

### RE

**Focus: Sikhism**

Big question: What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?