

### **English**

Our class book will be 'How to Live Forever.' We will plan and write a tragedy and create a newspaper report based on this story. We will look at what makes a good sentence focusing on fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In poetry lessons we will write our own humorous poems. We will have daily guided reading session based on 'Sky Song' and spelling lessons. We will also be working on developing our handwriting and presentation skills.

### **R.E.**

Our focus this term is the Creation story. We will be exploring why it is still important to Christians today.

### **Computing**

The children will learn how to stay safe on the internet. We will focus on the following units 'What is cyberbullying?' and 'Connecting computers'

### **Science**

In Science, we will be looking closely at Animals including Humans, and learning more details about teeth and the human digestive system.

By the end of the unit children should be able to discuss some different types of teeth and explain how food travels through our bodies.

### **Maths**

Our main focus for term 1 is Number Place and Value. Year 4 will explore 4-digit numbers. This includes identifying, representing, reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers.

### **History**

We will be learning all about Britain's great railways, reflecting on who benefitted from them and the impact of the railways on the small market town of Swindon. We will debate the positives and negatives brought about by the steam engine and discuss why Brunel was a significant person.

### **Art**

This term we will be studying clay. The children will explore different clay techniques, which they will use to make a Prehistoric style pot. They will create surface patterns and textures onto clay looking at cultural decoration from historic time periods.

### **Year 4 Birch Class**



### **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read daily at home. Reading books and reading records need to be brought into class daily.

### **Music**

We will be finding out 'How does music bring us closer together?'

### **Homework**

Weekly pick and mix homework plus spellings. Spellings will be given out on Tuesdays and the work will need to be returned the following Monday.

### **PSHE**

The children will decide on the new class rules. They will also explore the topic 'Me and my relationships'.

### **PE**

#### **Outdoor PE (Thursday)**

Invasion games: Fundamentals

#### **Indoor PE (Monday)**

Dance: The Romans