

# This is me!

## Curriculum Information

Y4 – Term 1, 2018

Our topic is called 'This is me' which includes learning about things that make us who we are. We always welcome children bringing in new achievements from out of school to show to their class.

### English

We will be looking at different styles of writing through guided reading, then creating our own work using that style. We will look at information texts, diaries, poems and character descriptions this term. **Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts to give them ideas for their own writing in school. Please encourage your child to practise reading and spelling the 'Common Exception Words' at home.**



### Maths

The focus will be place value (including 4-digit numbers and negative numbers) alongside calculations using  $+$   $-$   $\times$  and  $\div$ . We will also be practising times tables with a weekly 'beat the clock' speed recall session. **Please help your child at home by practising their tables, and involving them in 'everyday' maths such as cooking, measuring, time and money.**



### Science – Teeth and Human Digestion

We will be learning about the different types of teeth and investigating tooth decay. We will learn about how we digest our food.

### Geography

Our focus will be using Ordnance Survey Maps of our local area, using grid references and the 8 points of a compass.

### Art and Design

We will be exploring self-portraits in different styles by different artists, and by collecting examples in our sketch books, we will begin to choose and create our own drawing styles to help us represent ourselves on paper.



### Computing – Staying Safe Online



As well as using iPads and computers to create presentations, we will focus on e-safety and how to use technology responsibly and respectfully.

**Please reinforce this message at home.**

### Religious Education – Islam

Through this topic, we will learn about symbols, family life and experiences. Children will also be able to consider their own beliefs whilst developing respect for the beliefs of Muslims.

### PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

#### 'Being Me In My World'



The focus will be exploring thoughts and feelings about ourselves and how we see others. We will be exploring the British Values in more depth and finding examples of these around us and in the wider world.

## P.E.

Our visiting sports



coaches will be leading sessions on invasion games on Wednesdays. As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that your child has their tracksuit in school as well as their indoor kit. We will also perform dances in P.E. lessons on Fridays, as well as weekly yoga sessions on Thursdays. Please keep P.E. kits in school all week, as the timetable is sometimes subject to change.

## Music

We will be learning music notation through recorder sessions. We will also begin a music listening log where children begin to comment on different types of music.



## Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

We will be taking part in simple conversations, and begin to describe people.



## General Information

Regular updates will be posted on Twitter and on our website, so please remember to check these for any news, photographs and home learning activities.

Year 4 will be leading the Harvest Festival this term (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm) so this will be our main theme for the first few weeks. We would be very grateful if you can bring in empty cardboard boxes that we will decorate in school ready to use as the harvest hampers.

## Homework

We will soon be sending home some work books for optional homework activities that will link with our learning in school. Home reading will continue to be the best way for you to support your child. We also welcome any research and extra learning that children choose to do at home themselves, so please make sure that they bring it in to show us!

Your child might choose to have our class mascot, Lemmee the Lemur, for a weekend or during the week. If they do, please support them in writing a diary from the point of view of Lemmee and return her and her diary on the nearest Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

