

## **What are we planning for Skiddaw Class this Autumn term 2017?**

In **English**, we will be beginning with exploring some traditional storytelling techniques using drama and puppetry to tell tales with a twist. Then we'll turn to the wonders of author Anthony Browne and his wonderful illustrations that hide details and clues galore. Phonics / Spelling and grammar sessions are planned each day and we will do weekly guided reading sessions.

In **Maths**, we will focus on number work learning about our number system and place value along with patterns with comparing and rounding. We will be exploring a progression of methods of adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will be applying our number skills to estimating and problem solving, money and measures.

In **Science** we will be exploring the properties of lots of different types of materials and how their differences help us in everyday life.

In **Computing** sessions all children will be assessed and trained in using IDL, a very popular program that supports reading, writing, spelling and typing/word processing. We will be learning about the Internet and how it is organised along with a series of sessions learning a visual computer programming language of Scratch.

We will have a **Geography** theme to start with in learning about continents and oceans, then focusing on Europe and North and South America. We will be concentrating on researching their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

In **Music** we will be exploring our rhythmic and melodic memory through playing percussion games and creating compositions. Individual lessons in guitar, violin and piano will happen during the week. We will sing as a whole school every week, learning a variety of rounds and seasonal songs.

We will be exploring how we can communicate things about ourselves through an **Art and Design** topic "All about ME!" and looking at various famous self-portraits. Any clean cardboard boxes or tubes would be very gratefully received for the ever popular box modelling tasks. No plastic thank you.

Mrs Farraday will be teaching **RE** and PSHE, learning about celebrations from different cultures. We will be learning stories of the bible in our Open the Book assemblies on Monday mornings and exploring our Christian Value of Respect.

In **PE** we will all be going swimming, just for this term, on Wednesday mornings. On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Craggs will be concentrating on ball skills developing our Tag Rugby skills in preparation for a Tag Rugby Tournament in November. Wet weather is inevitable this term so when working inside we will be making good use of our gymnastic equipment.

**Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)** and **Citizenship** are integrated into all areas of school life and form the basis of our whole approach to education, from assemblies and circle time to choices of stories and visitors. We are working on Good to be me! and Say no to Bullying themes this term. Our School Councillors and Eco Team Members will also be voted upon and get to work this term.

**Educational Visits:** We plan to take our learning into the woods again this term beginning with team building activities. We have a whole school visit to the theatre in Lancaster already planned to see Aladdin just before Christmas. This last event will also cost in the region of £10 per child but we'll let you know details nearer the time.

Mrs Wadey