

What are we planning for Skiddaw Class this Spring term 2018?

In **English**, we will be beginning with exploring letters through a Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffer's book *The Day the Crayons Quit*. This is an engaging story written from the crayons point of view to their owner. Then we will be reading plays and acting them out, looking at how they are written and having a go ourselves. Phonics / Spelling and grammar sessions are planned each day and we will continue with weekly guided reading sessions.

In **Maths**, we will focus on multiplication and division – understanding these are the inverse of each other, using them in problem solving and in area in shape. This will be followed by getting to grips with the tricky topic of fractions and decimals. This will involve using fractions in a variety of ways - counting in fractions as well as fractions of number, length, capacity and weight.

In **Science** we will be exploring States of Matter – sorting materials into solids, liquids and gases. We will be looking at the effects of heating and cooling on different materials and looking at evaporation and condensation too.

In **Computing** sessions all children will continue to use IDL which supports reading, writing, spelling and typing/word processing. We will be exploring word processing in more depth this term too.

In the first half term we will bring our **Geography** theme to a conclusion with a focus on North and South America, researching key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Then we will move onto our **History** topic of Romans, Saxons and Vikings which will continue into all of the Summer Term.

In **Music** we will be exploring our rhythmic and melodic memory through learning to play the hand drums as a whole class. Individual lessons in guitar, violin and piano will continue during the week. We will sing as a whole school every week, learning a variety of rounds and seasonal songs.

We will be continuing to explore how we can communicate things about ourselves through **Art and Design** "All about ME!" through using threads and embroidery and paint to explore happy and sad times. We will be study a range of modern textile artists including Hannah Streefkerk.

Mrs Farraday will be teaching **PSHE** through *New Beginnings* and *Going for Goals*. In **RE** we will be exploring what it means to be a Muslim. We will be learning stories of the Bible in our Open the Book assemblies on Monday mornings and exploring our Christian Value of Thankfulness.

In **PE** on Thursday afternoons, Mrs Craggs will be developing ball skills through hockey, netball and lacrosse. On Wednesday mornings we plan to do PE too. Wet weather is inevitable this term so when working inside we will developing dance and gymnastics.

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. Our School Councillors and Eco Team Members will be working hard too.

Educational Visits: We plan to take our learning into the woods again this term. We hope to visit Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum up on Hadrian's Wall for the day in April linked to our History topic. This will also cost in the region of £20 per child but we'll let you know details as soon as we can. We will also be welcoming a student teacher, this term, Mrs Maddock.

Mrs Wadey