# **English**

This half term we have an exciting opportunity to read a book that has been especially written to support the link we will have with a school in Ghana, 'Where are you?' Black Country touring will be visiting school to perform a drama piece linking our pupils and the pupils from the Ghana school. Our writing focus will be a postcard which will be sent to our new friends. We hope that this is the start if a new partnership reaching across the globe.

Our second book is a Christmas themed story – well it's only right we take the opportunity to start to celebrate!

Little Wandle phonics lessons will also continue 4 days a week, along with reading our Author of the Month books each day.

## History

We will be continuing our topic Britain Stone Age and Iron Age. We're moving on from food and artefacts to learn about what their houses were like, comparing then to our modern day homes.

#### PΕ

After another couple of weeks sequencing movements together in gymnastics we'll move onto athletics. There is sure to be lots of competitive races!!

### Horticulture

Having already considered what equipment we need, our next focus in our Planting, Cropping and Maintenance topic. This will include making a leaf compost that we can use in the future.

### Maths

In maths this half term we will continue our 'number' focus. We will continue developing out counting and subitising skills.



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## **PSHE**

We'll be learning about 'Friends'. 'What is a friend?' and 'how can I be a friend?' are just two questions we will consider.

There will be lots of opportunities to explore how a friend should behave. By the end we should all have an idea of being kind and have practised being kind. Hopefully a positive outcome will be having more friends, especially in school.

## Computing

We're continuing with our topic 'stop animation'. Now we've created our background and characters, we're moving on to making our storyboard before positioning our characters and props and taking lots of photos. We have high hopes for a successful animation film.

## Art and Design

Our Art focus is painting and colour mixing. After recapping our understanding of primary colours we'll mix secondary colours and practise painting in the style of Alma Thomas.

Our Food Tech focus will be healthy eating and honing a range of cutting skills.

# **Engagement and Community Visits**

Pupils will enjoy a bi-weekly community visit which will be linked either to a curriculum subject or be a visit to the library.

We'll also be having our annual visit to see Santa at Sycamore Adventure as well as a Christmas trip to celebrate all of the hard work and learning we've been doing this term.

#### Science

We will learn about teeth and skeletons and the fact there is a difference between them. We'll consider why it is important to look after our teeth and how to do that – hopefully pupils will transfer what they learn in school and there'll be lots of pearly whites around soon!!

#### Music

Our weekly Charanga session will be the block entitled 'Reflect, rewind, replay' pupils will be joining in with singing and using a range of instruments to make a 'riff' based composition.

### RE

As usual will be a focused week at the end of the half term. This time we'll be looking at why stories are important to beliefs.