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| **Curriculum areas** |  |
| RE | **In RE,** we will be completing a topic on the Domestic Church with the focus on knowing ourselves, our talents and our uniqueness as part of God’s loving family. We will be learning about how each person is made in the image and likeness of God and how we can honour the unity and true dignity of all. Our scripture focuses will be:Genesis 1: 26 –28, Colossians 3: 10 -11, Colossians 3: 12-17, Philippians 4: 4-9, Hosea 11: 1-4.*God loves you and has chosen you. You are a holy people. You must be full of thoughtfulness for others, generous, gentle and patient.* (Based on Colossians, 3: 12) |
| Literacy | **In Literacy,** we will be starting the term with our book-based reading and writing activities linked to our Geography topic, “Mountains, Coast and Rivers”. We will then focus on reading and writing playscripts, followed by a non-fiction unit about evaluating evidence in texts. Later in the advent term we will study poetry, before moving on to writing explanation texts. We will have Whole Class Reading lessons twice per week, where we will read together and focus on improving our skills in explaining meaning, retrieval of information, interpreting ideas and information from the text and analysing author choice. **Spellings will be set each Friday to be tested the following Friday.**  |
| Maths | **In Maths,** we continue to follow White Rose teaching methods, which cover mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem-solving in every lesson. Firstly, we will develop our knowledge of number and place value including decimal numbers, and work on our rounding skills and partitioning of numbers. We will then develop our understanding of different written methods for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also work on our mental maths skills through times table practice, 99 Club and timed mental maths activities. **Regular homework will be set using the My Maths website every Wednesday and we encourage children to practise their timestables as much as possible using TT Rockstars.** |
| Geography | Our **Geography** topic this term is Mountains, Coasts and Rivers. Our focus questions will be: 1: What do I know about world geography? 2. Can I name some Mountains, Rivers, Seas and Coasts around the UK? 3. What is a mountain? 4. What is a coast? 5. Can I name some physical and human geographical features of South America. 6. Can I compare and contrast South American Geography with that of the UK? **Children will have Geography subject knowledge organisers to study at home and in school, to help them retain all the learning we are doing in school.**  |
| ScienceShape  Description automatically generated | **In Science,** we will be learning about The Human Body with a focus on:* Recognising the first stages of human growth; gestation, birth and infancy.
* Knowing that the human body changes as it goes through puberty.
* Identifying physical and mental changes to the human body that happen from adulthood to old age.
* Humans and Animals have growth stages of different lengths.

Through all these topics the children will be developing their scientific enquiry skills and investigations.  |
| PE | This term the children will have PE lessons with both the class teacher and a specialised PE coach. The key areas will be:* PE Coach on a Monday (Outdoor games)
* Mrs Hughes on a Tuesday (Indoor Athletics)
* Competing in football, rugby, dodgeball and athletics tournaments
* Gymnastics
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| **How you can help at home:** * Please encourage your child to read regularly as this will aid their reading progression in every subject and consolidate their enjoyment of reading. Children should aim to read at least 4 pages in Year 4 and 5 pages in Year 5 of their book daily and will be given points on our reward chart for reading the required number of pages.
* Please encourage and help your child to learn their spellings, practise their timestables using TT Rockstars, and complete their MyMaths homework weekly.
* Please read and discuss Knowledge Organisers with your child regularly.
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**If you have any queries regarding this term’s curriculum coverage, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.**

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs Hughes and Mrs Drummond**