# **English**

This term we will be reading "Goodnight Mr Tom" by Michelle Magorian, which deals with the story of an evacuee during WW2. Linked to this, we will look at informal and formal English and standard versus non-standard English, with a particular focus on characterisation through speech within narrative writing. Following this, we will be reading "The Railway Children". Writing based on this text will include narrative and descriptive writing. We will continue to work through the KS2 spelling list, as well as investigating specific letter patterns and rules. Grammar lessons will look at word classes, sentence structure and use of a variety of punctuation marks.

# **Maths**

In maths we will be continuing to focus on written methods for the four operations, with a particular focus on word problems and reasoning. In fraction work we will move on to looking at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages, including finding fractions and percentages of amounts. We will also investigate perimeter and area in shape work. We will then move on to ratio, properties of shape, co-ordinates and data handling. The children have been working hard on learning their times tables and must continue to do so, including being confident in using related facts eg. 7x8 = 56, therefore 0.7x0.8 = 0.56 etc. We will also be doing regular arithmetic and rapid recall practice.

# R.E.

We will begin by learning about the Jewish Passover, then move onto making links between this and the Eucharist. In the lead up to Easter we will consider who Jesus was and what He means to Christians now.

# Year 6 Spring "South America"

# **Key Vocabulary**

Geography: latitude, longitude, Equator, biomes, names of countries

Science: air resistance, upthrust, friction, gravity

# **Science**

Moving on from our work on electricity, in science we will be investigating forces. As part of this work we will be planning and carrying out investigations, including fair testing. We will then move onto learning about micro-organisms.

#### DT

We will look at creating strong structures and make our own shelters, built for a specific purpose.

#### Geography

We will be investigating the physical and human features of the continent of South America, including locating and researching the countries of South America, learning about its climate zones, major geographical features, natural resources and trade.

#### PE

We will continue to work on our games skills as we prepare for inter-school tournaments later in the term. We will also develop our dance and gymnastics skills, particularly focusing on working in groups.

#### Computing

We will continue to practise our programming skills followed by a particular focus on online safety.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE our focus will continue to be on keeping safe and healthy, this term looking at road safety (including our Bikeability training), the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse and reinforcement of our ongoing work on internet safety.

# **Wider Curriculum**

Peace proms performance at Liverpool's M&S Arena, Internet Safety Day, Bikeability training, Fire Brigade talk, Intra sports.

#### <u>Values</u>

Thankfulness, Responsibility.