

### English

This term we will continue reading "Goodnight Mr Tom before a short writing unit based on the picture book "Rose Blanche". We will then move on to a book linked to our Americas topic: Holes by Kouis Sacher. These texts will support our fiction and non-fiction writing, including 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 finish calculations involving fractions before looking at converting between metric units. Then we will work on ratio and introduce algebra, before revisiting fractions and their relationship with decimals and percentages, including finding fractions and percentages of amounts. We will investigate perimeter and area in shape work and data handling. All aspects of maths will include applying mathematical knowledge to reasoning and problem solving.

### R.E.

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

## Year 6 Spring "Exploring the Americas" "Trade past & Present"

### Key Vocabulary

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

Science: classification, adaptation, vertebrate, invertebrate

**Science** - This term we will be focussing on living things and how they are classified into groups. We will also look at how different living things are adapted to their environments, making some links to our work on the Americas.

**Geography** - will be investigating the physical and human features of the continents of North and South America, including locating and researching the countries of the Americas, learning about their climate zones, major geographical features, natural resources and trade. Our study of trade will widen to world trade, including a focus on fair trade.

**History** - Towards the end of term we will begin our local study of historic Lancaster this term (continuing into next term), which will include finding out about Lancaster's history as a trading port with Africa and the America's and its links with the slave trade.

**DT** - We will be learning how to make strong structures as we design and build shelters – related to our war topic.

**Music** - Our focus will be on the music of the Americas, listening to a range of genres including reggae, spirituals, Latin music and Motown and learning to sing some of them. We will also work on composing our own pieces of music.

**PE** – We will be developing our gymnastics skills in the first half term, particularly focussing on working in groups. We will also be learning a variety of dances with Coach Helen, linked to our work on the Americas. The class will go swimming on Thursday mornings this term.

**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

Internet Safety Day, Bikeability training, Intra sports, Athletics tournament, Orchestral concert

### Christian Values

Courage, Compassion