**Year 4: Autumn Term**

**Year 4 Class Page**
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**The Arts**
Creative artwork will be inspired by Claude Monet, a French artist. Musically, children will be working with MAPAS, learning different Samba instruments. This work will culminate in a performance in the school hall towards the end of term, entitled ‘MAPAS Music and Mince Pies’.

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**P.E**
Children will begin by developing their gymnastics skills and although the focus will initially be on perfecting the British Key Steps Gymnastics Floor Routine for our annual competition, the children will be encouraged to create and design their own after this. They will then be developing their ball skills with a mixture of team games.

P.E sessions will be on Wednesdays and swimming will be on Thursdays. We would like children to have both indoor and outdoor P.E kit available for all sessions.

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**Topic:**
This term we are focusing on Geography and our Learning Challenge Question is, ‘Where would you choose to build a city?’

Within this topic we will be studying both human geography, in the form of cities and settlements and also physical geography, where we will be looking at rivers and how important they are. We will be searching for the important link between cities and rivers and dip into the history of James Brindley himself.

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**RE**
This term we will be focusing on Hinduism and the many interesting beliefs and stories from Hindu culture.

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**English and Maths**
In English, children will hone their reading skills through the study of ‘The Lost Happy Endings’ by Carol Ann Duffy and ‘The Butterfly Lion’ by Michael Morpurgo, which will be our class novel. Alongside this, we will be planning, writing and editing diary entries, character descriptions and some narrative pieces too.

In Mathematics, our main focus will be the times tables as the children will be tested on these this year (up to x12). Aside from our daily times tables practise, we will be looking at Place Value to begin with. We will be identifying, comparing and ordering numbers. The children will then move onto the written method for addition and subtraction, using larger numbers than previously. Geometry will also be a focus and we will take a break from the mental arithmetic to study coordinates and translations.

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**Homework**
Year 4 children will receive a Maths and English homework that will include spellings, weekly. Homework will be set on Thursdays and should be returned on the following Tuesday. Topic based homework will be set periodically to support class work. Children are requested to read with an adult on a minimum of four occasions per week. Reading diaries are checked weekly on Friday morning and should include four adult signatures between weekly checks. All children are invited to attend ‘Reading Club’ at Friday lunchtime but attendance will be compulsory for those who have not read four times during the previous week.