



We hope you enjoyed your half term break. In the last week of term, we had a great time enjoying our Ancient Greek day. We are looking forward to our new topic, The Elizabethans, this half term.

### Project: The Elizabethans

This half term, our project will be about Elizabeth I. We will be finding out about her family tree as well as comparing the lives of the rich and poor during this time period. We will also find out about the Spanish Armada as well as looking at portraits of Elizabeth I to see how historians have used these as evidence to find out about her and her courtiers.



### Literacy

Our literacy unit linked to our Elizabethan project will be based around Shakespeare. We will be focusing on Romeo and Juliet. We will use this classic tale to improve our diary writing. We will also write letters in character—helping us to write from a different perspective. This will allow us to consider different view points and build up character empathy in order to improve our story telling. We will also have a go at writing newspaper reports. We will continue to refine our punctuation use and spellings.

### Mathematics

This half term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will learn how to solve multiplication problems mentally, using a formal written method and using the bar model method to help us to solve and understand complex problems. We will also be looking at measurement and learning about how mathematicians calculate and record area. We will also be continuing to learn our times tables and the corresponding division facts.

### P.E.

This half term's PE lessons -

Mrs Lovegood's class:

- Wednesday— outdoor PE
- Thursday - indoor PE

Mrs Ashington's class:

- Wednesday - outdoor PE
- Thursday - swimming

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days, including suitable trainers for outdoor PE. PE lessons will go ahead in most weathers.

This half term our indoor PE will focus on gymnastics, while our outdoor PE will focus on netball.

## RE/PSHE

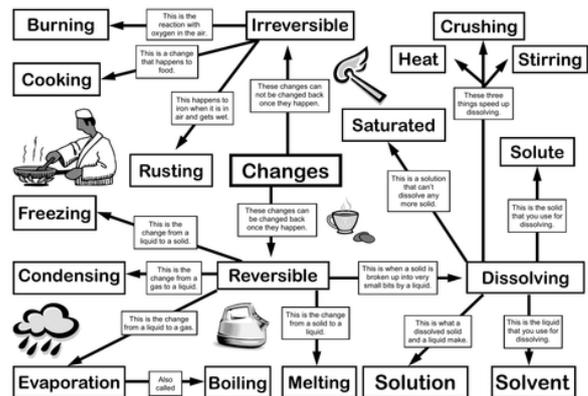
In RE, we will be finding out about the importance Bethlehem has to Christians. We will combine art and music to find out how religious ideas can be expressed. We will explore the thoughts and feelings of many characters and understand their motives.

In PSHE, we will be looking at healthy and safer lifestyles and what choices we can make to ensure we are living a balanced life. Looking at healthy meals and ways to live an active life will help us have a happy outlook.



## Science

This term we will be continuing with our chemical change unit where we will be looking at chemical structures. We will understand how the structure of a material changes during a reaction. We will continue to conduct experiments and will be choosing appropriate ways to collect and record data and use this to explain whether a prediction is correct or not.



## KIRFs

KIRF stands for Key Instant Recall Facts. They are given out at the start of each half term and list key maths facts that your child should be practising each week at home (in the same way that they would read at home or practise spellings). Please make sure you spend time practising these KIRFs at home. The KIRF sheet has suggested activities for each week at the bottom, but you could also practise while walking to school, or in the car. We recommend making a poster of the facts and sticking them onto your child's bedroom wall or perhaps the fridge door. By seeing them on a daily basis, they are more likely to be remembered.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 31st October—Home learning handed out  
Friday 17th November—Children in Need  
Friday 8th December - Non uniform day  
Thursday 14th December— Christmas Fete  
Friday 15th December—break up