



## BETWEEN, BENEATH AND BEYOND

Our theme this half term is based on 'Leon and the Place Between', written by Grahame Baker-Smith. Join us on our adventure as year Four travel to mysterious locations whilst learning about the wonders of the natural world.

### Mathematics and Computing



We will begin this half term with work on essential mathematical skills involving place value. Year Four will learn to recognise, order and compare a variety of numbers and begin to use these in real world contexts.

Next the children will develop strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems.

Finally, we will be recalling multiplication facts to use throughout the year. Where relevant the maths learning will be linked to our theme.

### English

In English this half term, we will be using the book 'Leon and the place between', by Grahame Baker-Smith to develop creativity, questioning and class discussion. Year Four will use role play, drama and creative writing to bring the story to life.

We will begin learning about reading for understanding during our guided reading sessions and the children will have the opportunity to discuss a variety of books and texts.



### Physical Education

Year Four will begin to practice passing, catching, shooting and the concept of marking. These skills will be used to play small games involving basketball and handball. Key to this half term will be the focus of teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.



### Understanding the World

This first half term will focus on understanding key geographical features such as volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains. This will include creating 3D mountain ranges and learning about how these develop. In history year 4 will learn about the concept of chronology and will create a timeline of key events/people. The class will have access to l pads in order to support research and learning.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This first half term will focus on building relationships with classmates through regular R-time sessions in class. Year Four will understand the importance of personal safety. Finally they will look at the value of rules in and out of school.



### Expressive Art and Design

Year Four will be looking at the work of famous artists such as Henri Matisse. The children will be learning skills involving the use of different materials and tools with a variety of contrasting colours. We will also be designing our own 3-D mountain ranges and improving precise sketching skills.

