

## Curriculum Overview: Dragon Class Summer 2021

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed the sunshine.

**English/Maths:** The first book this term will be “Cosmic” by Frank Cottrell Boyce which is an exciting adventure with some funny moments. It will be followed by The Highwayman which will help develop the imagery (metaphors, similes) in the children’s writing. We will be working on using -ed sentence openers and -ed clauses in our sentences as well as continuing to learn spelling rules and grammar each week. All of these skills will help the children with their creative writing and their more factual writing.

In Maths, we will continue to learn about fractions by linking them to decimals and percentages. We then move onto decimals, shape and measurement. Working on fractions again will help make sure lockdown learning is secure.

**Geography/Science/ICT:** We will be learning about different climates and biomes that exist across the world and the animals that live in these before moving onto ‘Wonders of the World’ after half term. We will develop our map skills by locating the wonders, then thinking why they were built and the role of tourism.

Our Science units are comparing life cycles of a mammal, a bird and an insect then we will find out how some animals and plants reproduce. Our second unit is human development, starting with babies, the changes as humans grow into children then teenagers and then adulthood. We will begin the half term by recapping and extending some of Science unit from home learning to make sure the children are confident in their knowledge. In ICT, we will finish the unit on databases before moving onto developing knowledge of Word.

**PE:** We will continue to have PE lessons outside so lots of layers are needed as it can be very windy. Hopefully as we move into summer, sun cream will be needed. We will be learning hockey skills this half term.

**Homework:** We will continue to alternate between English and Maths homework, linking it to our class learning and practising some of the learning from the Spring term. On Purple Mash, there is a multiplication check where children answer as many times tables questions from a possible 25 as they can in the time set. Those who are practising regularly have seen an improvement in the speed of their recall already, well done to them. There are

also spelling quizzes to reinforce what we learn at school. Spelling Frame also has games which are useful to reinforce the spellings that we are learning in school. We are impressed by the love the children have of reading and how often they are reading at home so a big thank you for supporting them with this vital skill.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to email. Please also email with achievements or photos of important events, the children love hearing others' stories and sharing sporting photos!

Miss Bland and Mrs Russell.