

### Our Core Subject Learning Focuses

#### MATHS

**THIS WEEK:** We are consolidating our learning of multiplying using 2-digit numbers (e.g.  $24 \times 5 =$ ). All sets will be learning how to multiply using the grid method – which involves partitioning, multiplying and adding to calculate. With the methods we have used last week requiring a variety of different skills such as multiplying multiples of 10, multiplying in general, partitioning and adding, it was felt that another week to master the skills was necessary for the children to ensure the methods are secure before moving onto a new unit.

**Our targets for this week are:**

- I can partition number correctly.
- I can multiply multiples of 10.
- I can add the answers to find the total.

#### ENGLISH

**THIS WEEK:** We will be 'boxing up' our model text, *Zelda Claw and The Rain Cat* to reveal its structure before writing our own version of the story. We will be looking to implement the toolkits we have discovered last week and explore the possibilities when writing a suspense story.

**Our targets this week are:**

- I know the structure of a suspense story.
- I can create an unknown creature to make the reader's imagination scare them.
- I can include rhetorical questions and short sentences to build tension.
- I can create a dark, lonely scene to build tension.

#### Reading

**THIS WEEK:** We will be developing our retrieval skills by finding evidence in the text to answer specific questions.

#### IPC

**THIS WEEK:** We will be taking part in our Tudor day! This will give us the opportunity to experience a small part of life as a Tudor. We will be taking part in a Tudor school lesson, Tudor medicine, Tudor fashion design and Tudor games. More details about the day are in the letter sent last week and below in the 'Upcoming Events' section.

#### SCIENCE

**THIS WEEK:** We will be conducting a fair test to see which liquid moves the fastest. This is part of our learning about states of matter and we will consider if there are any reasons for why different liquids travel at different speeds.

#### ICT

**THIS WEEK:** We will be coding our first animations using the 'Scratch' software.



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017** – Place2Be Charity (Year Group Charity) Assembly for Year 4

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017** – Tudor Day! Please feel free to dress in Tudor-wear, should you wish to. Please be aware that this is optional, so school uniform may be worn if this is problematic. A voluntary contribution of £2.00 for resources would be gratefully received.



FRIDAY – Homework set  
MONDAY – Spelling homework and Reading Records due.  
TUESDAY – New spellings set.  
WEDNESDAY – Homework due



#### Year 4 Stars of the Week!

This week's stars are **Mateo A-W** and **Gemma K** for their outstanding homework that they produced over the Christmas holidays. They have both settled quickly into the new term and have impressed their teachers with their work. Congratulations!