

**ENGLISH:** In our writing lessons we will be studying the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. We will use our reading skills to unpick the text, discuss the themes, monitor how characters develop throughout the story, as well as studying and completing different genres of writing. We will be studying poetry, non-chronological reports, debates and story-mapping.

In our guided reading sessions, we will study the poem 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare. Children will begin by exploring and analysing the language within to define and provide context for the events of the story. The language used within the poem is archaic and therefore we must use the context to identify and explore meanings which will provides a wonderful way to look at word classes and etymology.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Children will learn all about South America. They will learn to locate it on a world map. They will study the countries that make up the continent and their capital cities. Children will learn about the physical and human geography of this very special continent, looking closely at the Andes, Amazon rainforest and river. They will study temperate and tropical forests, learning the layers of a rainforest. They will discuss different ecosystems. Investigate the economic activity in South America. Finally, they will study the human geography of South America and Learn about population distribution, urbanisation, and cultural diversity.

**MATHS:** This term the Year 5 children will continue with their geometry unit, position and direction. They will then work with fractions, decimals and percentages, this will be the main focus for this term. They will finish the term looking at units of measure.

Year 6 children will continue their work on calculating with fractions. This will be the main focus of this term. Children will finish their unit on adding fractions, and then move to subtracting, before finishing the unit with division and multiplication with fractions. The children will end the term looking at ratio and proportion.

**D&T:** Children will study Global Food; they will have the chance to discover the exciting and diverse choice of food available around the world. The first part of the unit provides an opportunity for children to learn where in the world a variety of ingredients flourish. They will then build on their understanding of the eatwell plate, placing different ingredients into the correct food groups. Children will then have the chance to learn some basic and advanced cooking techniques, they will apply these skills when making some traditional dishes from different countries.

## Journey to South America 2



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The children will learn the key aspects of the Easter story and will focus on the question 'was Jesus' death part of God's plan'? They will move on to focus on 'free will' and 'determinism' and will reflect on these concepts in their own life. The children will look for Biblical evidence to support their thoughts on Jesus' life and death. Finally, the children will look at the choices they make in their life and how these could be influenced by external factors.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** This term we will be yoga and Tag Rugby. Appropriate, outdoor kit needed for Thursdays.

**PSHE:** Children will study the My Happy Mind unit 'Celebrate'.

**MUSIC:** Our music learning this term will focus on the pop song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

**SCIENCE:** Children will study two units during this term. Firstly, Evolution and Inheritance. Children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution. Secondly, children will study 'Famous Scientists and Inventors'. They will learn about the life and work of many famous scientists and inventors. For example, Stephen Hawking, and will carry out an investigation into Hawking's theories on black holes.