



## Rabbit Class Year 2/3 Summer Term

### Our Topic

This term our topic is Explorers, Adventures and Discoveries. We will set sail and journey with famous Tudor explorers across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas, make new and exciting discoveries and possibly meet some pirates! We will learn about where our food comes from and use our Science topic to explore the life cycle and needs of plants as we grow our own!

## Core Areas of Learning

In **English**, we will be exploring a range of different fiction and non-fiction text types. We will write biographies of key rulers and explorers from the Tudor period. We will think about first person writing as we write a diary entry from on board a Tudor ship and a pirate adventure story. We will also be learning the sentence structures and word choices for persuasive writing when we write letters to persuade people to look after the rainforests and save water.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about shapes and measures. We will learn how to measure length, mass, capacity and temperature, as well as learning how to tell the time. We will also learn how to solve problems using units of measurement. We will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes, how to describe them, draw them and explore making patterns with shapes and nets for 3D shapes. We will learn how to calculate amounts of money, including how to calculate and give change. We will also consolidate our learning on the four operations and continue working on how to explain our answer through reasoning and how to read a problem carefully.

In **Science**, we will be learning about plants and their life cycles. We will learn about what they need to grow, how they grow and name the different parts of a plant. We will be growing our own plants in class and linking our scientific learning across our different areas of learning when we consider the conditions plants need to grow and where our food comes from. In the second half of the term, we will learn about rocks and fossils and how they form. We will also explore how soil is made and make our own compost for our plants! We will also be visiting Beth Chatto's gardens as part of our exploration into plants.

In **Religious Education**, we will be introducing Buddhism and the Buddhist belief system. We will explore who Buddha was, what the core beliefs of Buddhism are, Buddhist stories and festivals and relating and comparing Buddhist beliefs to our Christian faith and values. We will consider meditation and mindfulness as Buddhist practises and how these are practised in the Christian faith.

### History

In **History**, we will learn about exploration and seafaring in the Tudor period. We will follow the travels and discoveries of Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake, and consider what life would have been like upon a Tudor ship.

### Computing

In **Computing**, we will learn how to create pictures and music and present ideas using graphs and charts. We will also continue to learn about how to use the internet appropriately and safely.

### Geography

In **Geography**, we will look at countries within Central American and compare their climate, culture and geography with our own. We will consider where our foods come from and the impacts of rainforest destruction.

### French

In **French**, we be continuing to learn how to talk about ourselves. We will learn a range of verbs to describe actions, as well as learning how to say the names of and talk about some animals and shapes in French.

### Art + Design Technology

In **Art and DT**, we will be exploring some of the foods discovered in the New World and undertaking taste tests of some Central American and Caribbean foods. We will also be designing, building, testing and evaluating our own trading ships and, later in the term, designing and sewing our own pirate flags!

### Music

In **Music**, we will be continuing to learn a range of new songs and to appraise and evaluate the songs. We will be learning how to play some songs using instruments and composing our own pieces of music in a similar style.

### PE

In **PE**, we will be learning about different athletic skills and techniques, such as sprinting, throwing and jumping for height and distance. We will also be learning how to dance in time to music and in unison as pairs and a group.

### PSHE

In **PSHE**, we will learn about how to make healthy choices. We will consider healthy and unhealthy foods, mental health and wellbeing and ways we can change our habits to affect our mood.