

## RE & PSHE

### Hinduism

Origins of Hinduism, key beliefs, how Hindus worship in a Mandir (temple) and at home, Gods/Goddesses, festivals, visiting the amazing Mandir in Neasden. We will then move on to study John the Baptist and the Christmas story. PSHE focus—Class Charter and how to be a good learner.

## Topic, the Arts & MFL

### Ancient Greeks

Who were the Ancient Greeks? Where was Ancient Greece? What are the differences between Athens and Sparta? British Museum trips to learn about Greek myths, architecture, culture, education, Gods and Goddesses, mythology, Olympics and democracy. Pop up museum to share projects with parents. Writing and filming own playscripts of Perseus and Medusa and having film premiere for parents.

Art - National Gallery trip—focus on JMW Turner sunsets (pastel versions); sketching Ancient Greek artefacts at British Museum

DT - model making (Greek projects); clay urn making

French - Intercultural understanding. Where do you live? Places in town and school, directions, objects and time.

## PE

First half term—swimming and cross country

Second half term—PE with The Elms (external teachers) - focus on football skills

## UNCRC Articles 7 & 8

You have the right to your own name, nationality and family.

## **Sycamore Class Year 4 Autumn Term**

## UNCRC Article 15

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

## English

Daily writing, spelling, grammar, guided reading, speaking and listening, 'Pie Corbett' games to support writing and language collection, handwriting and frequent drama to support writing.

Initial focus on Oliver and the Seawigs by Philip Reeve (as he and his illustrator, Sarah McIntyre) are visiting us during Book Week. Thereafter, Ancient Greek myths including writing own playscripts of Perseus and Medusa which will then be performed, filmed and premiered to parents!

Daily story time

## Science

Sound How are sounds made? How do they travel? What is the difference between pitch and volume? What are decibels? How does the shape and size of a musical instrument affect the sort of sound that it makes? Range of activities and visitors during Science Week. Electricity What is it and how is it made? How can we keep safe around it? Can we make and break circuits? What are insulators and conductors?

## ICT & Computing

Using Scratch Junior coding to create Ancient Greek themed computer games. Using ipads and laptops to learn about safe internet use and research / publish across all curriculum areas.

## Maths

Daily mental and written maths activities covering: number, efficient calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, time (digital and analogue), money, shape (2d and 3d, symmetry, angles), decimals, fractions, percentages, measure (eg: mass, length, calculating area and perimeter), data handling (eg: bar charts, pictograms, tables and graphs) and problem solving. We will continue to focus upon justification of our methods (both verbal and written) and further develop our times table fluency in daily activities and weekly times table tests and challenges.