



## What is my child learning this half term?

### Literacy

#### Reading and Writing

In **reading**, pupils will focus on improving their comprehension skills by exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will practise retrieving information, making inferences, and explaining their understanding using evidence from the text. There will also be opportunities to develop vocabulary and discuss authors' language choices.

In **writing**, the pupils will work on producing well-structured pieces across different genres. This may include narrative writing, where pupils create their own stories using descriptive language, as well as non-fiction writing such as reports or persuasive texts. A key focus will be on organising ideas into clear paragraphs and using a range of sentence structures.

Pupils will also continue to develop their **grammar and punctuation** knowledge, including the accurate use of commas, apostrophes, and more complex sentence types.

Spelling will remain an important focus, with regular practice of key patterns and rules.



### Maths

Next half term, Year 5 pupils will continue to strengthen their mathematical understanding while building confidence in applying their skills to a range of problems. A key focus will be on multiplication and division, including working with larger numbers and developing efficient written methods. Pupils will also practise using these skills to solve word problems and real-life scenarios.

As always, a strong emphasis will be placed on reasoning and problem-solving, encouraging pupils to explain their thinking and approach challenges with confidence.

Regular practice of times tables and mental maths at home will greatly support pupils' progress in class.



## R.E.

In RE this half term, we are investigating what it means to be a Sikh in Britain today. We will be learning about, and reflecting on, the role and importance of the Gurdwara in the life of Sikh people as a place of worship and prayer and community. We will also be learning about how and why Sikh's join the Khalsa and about the 5 'K's.

## Computing -Introduction to vector graphics

In this unit, we will start to create vector drawings. We will learn how to use different drawing tools to help create images. Pupils will layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work. We will be using PowerPoint on the iPad.

## Geography – Human Geography

This half-term the pupils will describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity and the distribution of natural resources including energy, minerals, food and water.

## PSHE - Identity, Society and Equality

This half term the pupils will learn about discrimination and prejudice. They will learn about gender stereotypes as presented in the media and in the wider world. They will learn ways to challenge gender stereotypes and understand what to do if they experience discriminatory language.

## P.E.

This half term the topic is outdoor adventuring (Orienteering). Orienteering is a mix of navigation (map reading skills) and physical endurance. The aim is to navigate through a course, finding specific 'control points' marked on the map within a specified time frame.

During these lessons, the pupils will be building their confidence during team activities and develop their map-reading skills.

## Spanish

This half term, pupils will be learning about Prepositions in Spanish. They will practice their listening, reading, writing and speaking skills to complete different challenges using the learnt vocabulary.

Key Vocabulary: In front of – delante de, behind – detras de, on top of - encima de, under – debajo de, next to – al lado de, in between – entre.

## Science

This half term, the pupils will be learning about the topic of Evolution. They will study such things as adaptation in animals and plants as well as what evidence exists for these changes. They will study the theory of evolution, with a particular focus on Charles Darwin and his theories. As with all science lessons at St Luke's, there will be a heavy focus on scientific procedure and methodology during our lessons. Pupils will take part in experiments which enhance and support their learning of this extremely fascinating topic.