

### Welcome back to Unicorn Class

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and you are all feeling refreshed ready to tackle term 5!

### Topic:

During our History lessons this term we will be learning all about the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will begin the topic by understanding who he was and what he achieved. We will understand why his inventions were successful and look at what challenges he encountered. We will end the term by understanding how his inventions affected the world then and now.

### Science

Our topic this term is plants. We will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will then be investigating and describing how and why plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a plant.

### English

This term our writing outcome is to write a letter in role persuading characters to save the trees. We will be using the book 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey to inspire our letters. Along the way, we will be developing our punctuation skills, deepening our use of subordination (because, when) and coordination (and, but) and continue to develop a rich and varied vocabulary bank.

## Inventors and Inventions



### Maths

Year 2: This term, we will explore length, measuring in centimeters (cm) and meters (m). Our focus will then turn to 2D and 3D shapes, where we will identify them, count their sides and vertices, and find lines of symmetry.

Year 1: This term, Year 1 will continue exploring measurement, comparing mass, and investigating capacity. They will then progress to counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s, before moving on to arrays and doubles.

### PE

Unicorn class will have two PE sessions a week: on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kits. We will be learning all about functional fitness and multi skills.

### Phonics

Children will continue to practise daily phonics to help them decode and blend sounds to form words. Please continue to read every night to support their progression.

### RE

This term we will be looking at what it means to belong to a faith community.

### Computing

This term we will be exploring the unit 'Coding'. The children will be arranging code blocks to create a set of instructions, using code blocks to create a programme and use event, object and action code blocks.

E-safety is also covered every term.

### P.S.H.E

This term our focus is 'Relationships'. We will learn that every family set up can look different, acceptable physical contact with peers and who we can turn to in our school community if we ever need help.

### Art

In our unit, 'Exploring Watercolour', we will focus on key concepts, including: watercolour paint has unique characteristics and the element of surprise and accident which can enhance our artwork. We will also develop our paintings by reflecting on what we see and adding new lines and shapes to enhance imagery.

### Music

This term we will be exploring improvisation with different instruments.