Y3/4 Term 3

In English the children will…. be reading a collection of traditional and modern poems by poets such as Joshua Seigal and traditional poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson and Robert Louis Stevenson. We will look at how poets use figurative language, rhyme, repetition and layout for a purpose and will compose our own verses. We will also read Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. looking at how characters are portrayed through dialogue, how authors use verbs for impact, and how changing pronouns changes the perspective of a story.

In Science the children will… learn about the parts and functions of the digestive system, label these and talk about their function. We will also look at plants and flowers and investigate what they need to grow. We will learn about the function of the main parts of a flowering plant, how seeds are dispersed, and the life cycle of a plant.

In Maths the children in Year 3 will…look at telling the time to the 5 minute interval, work out durations of time and solve problems involving time. We will also be recognising and describing 2D and 3D shape, learn about right angles and measure and compare measurements using g, kg, ml and l.
In Maths the children in Year 4 will… continue their work on decimals by looking at money. We will be looking at properties of shape and geometry.

Theme: Food and Farming

In Geography the children will… find out about the origin of different food products and locate these on a world map. We will also look at a map of the UK and discuss farming land use.

In History the children will… look at how diet has changed in the UK over time and the reasons for this. They will also look at the historic inclusion of bread as a daily staple throughout history and why this is so.

In D.T. the children will… use what they have learnt about what plants need, to design and make their own mini greenhouse. They will have to think about suitable materials and construction in order to fufill the function and purpose of a greenhouse. We will also design and make bread as part of Food DT and conduct research through a taste test of different breads available.

In Computing the children in Year 3 will… programme using Scratch to order and sequence commands.
In Computing the children in Year 4 will…design, modify and create their own games. We will also programme a screen turtle and create a program containing a count-controlled loop.

In RE the children in Year 3 will… be looking at what makes a good leader. We will also study key religious leaders and think about what qualities they have and how they are inspirational.
In RE the children in Year 4 will… why Gurus at the heart of Sikh belief and practice. Understand how the 5 pillars guide Muslims.

In P.S.H.E the children in Year 3 will… identify the skills and attributes needed for different jobs. Learn about the value of money and budgeting.

In P.S.H.E the children in Year 4 will… Learn how to manage risk and keep safe when online. Learn about how we grow and change through studying the human life cycle. Learn about the changes associated with puberty.

Other areas of the curriculum: The children will continue to develop their understanding of basic French through, songs, games and rhymes. Across Year 3&4 children will be learning to play the clarinet in Music and take part in outdoor PE activities. The children will also enjoy some outdoor learning in forest schools and continue to develop their art skills and knowledge of well known artists.