

# Love Thy Neighbour: Exploring Europe



Westerleigh Class - Year 5 - Spring 2021



## Key Areas of Learning

We will continue to focus on:

- Promoting well-being, emotional development and good mental health
- Developing effective learning behaviours and attitudes
- Furthering independence and presentation skills

This term's topic work will be centred around the Geography, PSHCE, SMSC and Art curriculum and will offer many opportunities for discussion, communication, reflection and creativity. Our cross-curricular topic work will lead us on a tour of our neighbouring countries in Europe including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and Spain touching briefly upon Russia and Scandinavia which are studied in other topics. Next half term we will look more closely at the geography of The British Isles.

### ENGLISH

We will begin with a focus on independent reading for pleasure and will create book reviews using our summarising skills in English.

Our class text this term is 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit' by Judith Kerr followed by 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie.

We will write Haikus for each country explored, information texts about the countries, travel journals and imaginative narratives.

We will focus on all aspects of planning, drafting, editing and publishing as we go.

### MATHEMATICS

Year 5 and 6 will again be taught in discrete year groups with Mrs Pilling teaching Year 5.

There will be a weekly arithmetic focus, daily times table work together with reasoning and problem solving across the year 5 objectives.

Our key strands will be place value within 1,000,000 this term. Next half term will be addition and subtraction, graphs and tables.

### SCIENCE

We will be focusing on the life cycles of various species and looking at the life process of reproduction in plants and animals.

We will also be learning about forces and machines. Starting with the force of gravity, friction forces, including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work.

### PE

Mr Hook will be focusing on redeveloping fitness levels and fundamental skills through the teaching of Tennis.

### RE

Our first RE day will be learning about the Hindu belief that there is one God with many different aspects.

Our second RE will be looking at the theme of Salvation in Christianity.

### COMPUTING

We will dedicate further time to e-safety having only begun to go over this last term and we will look at this more closely in PSHE lessons also.

During online, remote learning we are making use of the internet, Teams, Microsoft Office programs and various other digital platforms.

### PSHCE

We will revisit the qualities and characteristics of an ASTONishing learner. We will focus on recognising, understanding and regulating our changing moods and emotions using research from Zones of Regulation and the RULER approach to social and emotional well-being. We will also understand the terms social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC).

### MUSIC

Our Music lessons will follow us on our tour of Europe, stopping in each country to learn about key composers and pieces of music. Amongst others, we will learn about Bach, Mozart, Debussy, Satie, Verdi, Vivaldi. We will continue to listen to relaxing samples during our daily mindfulness practice.

### FRENCH

We hope to be able to use the internet to enable us to learn a little of our neighbouring languages – French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. Use of language apps at home would be advantageous.