

This term, our focus for learning is to develop the children as **collaborative learners**. This will involve encouraging skills such as taking into account the needs of others in a group, exploring different ways to carry out tasks and developing the confidence to tackle any challenge, by sharing ideas, listening and encouraging one another.

## Our Main areas of learning

### **COMPUTING:**

This half term we will be using a range of media, including film clips, pictures, photo's, and text to create an eBook about New Zealand. The work will be integrated throughout our whole curriculum.

### **SCIENCE:**

In science this half term, we will be looking at living things including animals and plants and their habitats. This will be mainly focussed on living things from New Zealand. The children will be looking at different ways to classify living things and creating their own ways of doing this. This will also include a visit to Paignton Zoo where the children will have opportunities to learn about animals and their habitats. They will be looking at ways that environments can change and the dangers that this poses for the creatures that inhabit various areas around the world.

### **GEOGRAPHY:**

Throughout this unit we will be learning about the key features of New Zealand, including locating it on a world map and identifying its oceans and continent etc. The children will be exploring the New Zealand culture and the history of the country and its people.

### **PE:**

The children will be learning the Haka and working in groups to perform their own versions of this traditional Mauri war dance.

## Curriculum Plan New Zealand AUTUMN 2 Years 3 and 4



Our Challenge is to:

Create a New Zealand  
multimedia presentation to  
share with parents / carers.

### **ENGLISH:**

Our writing genre this half term is narrative and the children will be incorporating stories from other cultures and with historical contexts into their own pieces of writing. They will be using lots of role play to develop their understanding of different cultures and their traditional stories. We will, of course, continue to develop punctuation and grammar throughout all of our English work.

Please continue to help your children by reading daily and supporting them with their home learning.

### **ART:**

We will be exploring traditional Moko tattoos, their history and relevance to the Maori's. Each child will design their own for their presentation at the end of term.

### **MATHS:**

This half term we will continue to focus on number, but we will also be investigating 2D and 3D shapes and telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, including using roman numerals. The children will have opportunities to show their mathematical ability through both independent and collaborative work, in their groups.

Please continue to support your child by: practising tables and supporting them with their weekly home learning.

### **PSHE:**

SEAL theme for this half-term is 'getting on and falling out' and the children will spend time thinking about what it means to be a good friend as well as exploring strategies to help them deal with emotions and how to resolve conflicts.

### **GAMES:**

Mr Walker will be teaching the children how to play Handball this term. Alongside them learning the rules of playing in a team game, they will also be focusing developing skills in invasion and positioning skills.

### **RE:**

This half term the children will be exploring Sikhism and comparing this religion with Christianity. The focus will be on the fundamental beliefs and traditions in Sikhism and Christianity, including ceremonies, naming, baptism and funerals. The children will also develop an appreciation of how different religious communities enrich our lives in Britain.

### **MUSIC:**

Mr. Boys will be teaching the skills of singing and dancing this term. The children will be learning songs and dances from the play 'Maui catches the sun', in preparation for their performance at the end of term.