

# VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL Half-termly Curriculum Plan

#### **THEME:** Unheard Histories

We will look at the many ways transport and technology have changed in Britain over the course of the past few centuries.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework template will be sent home with your child's homework book shortly. Children are to complete one activity of their choice each week. Spellings are also to be completed in this book. If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child's teacher.

- Reading practice 10-15mins daily.
- Homework is due each Monday.

#### PE

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day.

This half term we will be covering: Bonham: Sports Leaders and Inclusion Games St. George's: Swimming (3 weeks per class) Sports Leaders

## SCIENCE

and Inclusion Games

We will be investigating a range of questions about Space. The focus this half term is Earth and Space. The children will have opportunities to find out about night and day and explore why this occurs. In lessons, the children will use scientific evidence to support, or refute ideas, or arguments about Space.

## LITERACY

Over the course of this half-term, we will be covering formal writing; non-chronological reports, and poetry styles. Children will also have the opportunity, to learn about life in space and write some journal entries from the point of view of an astronaut. Poetical features will be explored for the poetry unit at the end of the half term. Finally, in grammar sessions, the children will develop their understanding of commas for lists, prepositions, coordinating conjunctions, subordinating conjunctions, main and subordinate clauses.

#### **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY**

In History, the children will be looking at the features of a banknote and make inferences about a person using a banknote. They will also explain the significance of historical figures from various sources. Apply criteria to decide if a person is historically significant and explain why. They will also explain the significance of William Tuke and research important aspects of a person's life. Plus, explain what makes a person significant.

## COMPUTING

This half-term children will be exploring the different elements of filming.

## FRENCH

In French, children will continue to recap on the basics, while moving further into conversational language. If anyone in your home is able to speak French, it would be very helpful to carry on conversations with your child in French.

## MATHS

We continue to follow a whole-school mastery approach to Maths. This half-term, children will focus closely on negative numbers, recapping what they learnt last year, plus move on to more complicated calculations with negative numbers. Following on from this, we will spend the rest of the term learning about short multiplication and division.

# **CREATIVE ARTS**

In Art, the children will be looking at the style of Art Retro Futurism. They will be planning and designing their artwork in this style. They will look at tones of colour, paint drip techniques and sketching from secondary source. They will then compile all these stages to produce a piece of Retro Futurism artwork.

## MUSIC

In music children learning to sing and play in different styles. They will also learn to a Christmas Song.

## **RE & PSHE**

It RE the children will be exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

In PSHE, we will be comparing cultural differences around the world and celebrating these. We will also be focusing on the different types of bullying and how to help someone who is being bullied.