



# Somewhere to Settle

## Year 4 – Spring Term – Curriculum Overview

Our Spring term theme will be based upon the topic of settlements. Throughout the term, we will be covering various areas of the curriculum in a thematic approach.

### English

This term we will be looking at how to write discussions and persuasive arguments. Our fiction topics will be based around the genres of Fantasy and Science Fiction. The children will be writing their own portal story. The children will also have an author study focus on Jeremy Strong and enjoy a variety of book related activities when we celebrate World Book Day.

### Maths

This term's maths will cover the following areas: Multiplication & Division, Measurement (area), Fractions and Decimals. There will be on-going arithmetic skills taught and regular times-tables practise.

### Science

This term's topics are Electricity and Sound. The children will look at basic electrical components and how to make an electrical circuit. They will also explore how sound is a form of energy created by vibrations, linking to their musical knowledge of different pitches and volumes of sound. We will also learn about the famous scientists Thomas Edison and Samuel Morse.

### Computing

This term's learning will include the processes involved when using Algorithms and Programming as well as continuing to apply aspects of E-Safety across the whole curriculum.

### History

This term's science topic will directly link to some key history work surrounding the history of electricity. We will also be inspired by our local history by learning about Marconi and the importance of Chelmsford.

### Geography

The children will learn to describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. The British Isles will be explored, researching specific towns, cities and islands. The children will learn to compare and contrast different locations as well as use mapping skills. The children will also learn about settlements in Europe and make direct comparisons.

### Art

The children will be creating works of art, exploring how paintings capture and express different moods. They will learn about the works British artists, including David Hockney and Banksy. By using inspiration created from looking at the work of others, the children will create their own pieces.

### P.E

This term the children will cover the disciplines of Bench ball, Gymnastics, Dance and Dodgeball.

### Music

This term the genres of music will cover Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion & Gospel. Quite an eclectic mix! The children will compare the assorted styles, listening and learning to appraise different pieces.

### PSHE

This term's PSHE topics are Dreams and Goals as well as Healthy Me. We will investigate how to strive for success and happiness in our future as well as how to maintain a safe and healthy body.

### R.E

This term, children will find out about the events of Pentecost found in the Bible. They will also be introduced to Hindu Dharma, exploring how Hindus might see the world. They will look at stories and examine some Hindu texts.

### D.T

Our focus will be on Mechanisms and Electricity. The children will have the opportunity to design and make a battery operated light, understanding the research, design and evaluation process involved to make so many day-to-day objects. The Electricity component will link with Science.

### Spanish

The children will experience reading, writing and speaking Spanish around the theme of family members and naming parts of the face.