



## Creative topic: Travel Through Time

# Half Term Curriculum Overview

## TOPAZ CLASS

Christian Value:  
The Life and Teaching of Jesus



## English

The children begin this half-term's work on food – linking to Harvest and the picture book Oliver's Vegetables. They will be encouraged to use phonic skills to decode and encode new vocabulary as they identify and write about fruits and vegetables. They will choose favourite words and phrases from the story. They will re-order sentences to sequence the story, predict events and, after role playing, they will discuss how characters and their feelings can change. er looking at and talking about different gardens, they will design their own garden, adding captions in complete sentences

## Science



In science, the children will be learning about four people who brought new plants to Britain. They will learn facts about Marie Curie's life and work; describe how William Smith found fossils; give facts about Inge Lehmann's life and work

## Maths



In maths we will be focussing on place value, 2D and 3D shape, written calculations (addition and Subtraction) and measurement, in particular length, including perimeter. We will be practicing our times tables 3s, 4s, 6s, 9s.

## Music



In music, we will be singing songs in unison and two parts, with clear diction, control of pitch, a sense of phrase and musical expression. We will be improvising and develop rhythmic and melodic material when performing songs.



## Computing



In computing, we will be learning how to use search technologies effectively, and also how we can combine a variety of software to accomplish given goals. We will be collecting and presenting information on our Travel through Time topic

## Topic

Our curriculum theme this half term is 'Travel Through Time'. We will begin our topic by looking at chronology and how a period of time is represented on a timeline. We will be looking at when we were born, our parents and our grandparents. We will also be learning about inspirational people from the past – in particular Mary Seacole. We will also investigate different artists and musical composers through time.



## Religious Education



RE is on a Tuesday. This half term we will be looking at 'Harvest' and being thankful to Jesus for all He has done.

## PE/Games



In PE this half term, we will be learning Dance with Mrs Pollitt on a Monday, and invasion Games with Miss Sanderson on a Thursday.

**Latest News:** What a super start to the new year. We have been team building – learning lots of new systems and routines... Getting acquainted with new children, and showing our teachers how BRILLIANT we are! As well as working hard on the curriculum, we have been very busy looking our skills and character attributes as we delegate monitoring roles within the classroom environment. Ask us what our new roles are!

### **Reminders:**

Please ensure children have their full PE kit (including spare socks) in school at all time. PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Forest School is on Friday, and we will be going outside first thing everyday, with a 'times table trundle' on the cindertrack.

Please listen to your child read as much as possible. The reading record is a useful resource for you to record what you have read at home, and what we are doing in school. We will be keeping a 'reading star chart' for all those children that read at home and remember to bring their reading record into school every day.

Please also bring drinks bottles into school. September can still be quite warm... Hopefully!