



## Creative topic: Travel Through Time

# Half Term Curriculum Overview

## TOPAZ CLASS

## Christian Value Thankfulness



## English

The children begin this half-term's work on fantasy texts – with 'The Swallow's Journey'. 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.



## Science

In science, the children will be learning about Materials and their properties - identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will also be learning about rocks and soils. In particular, how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock, and how soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



## 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.

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## Computing

In computing we will learn how to use fingers on keyboard home keys (f/j), use left fingers for a/s/ d/f/g, and use right fingers for h/j/k/l. We will be editing the style and effect of text and images to make my document more engaging and eye-catching.



## Religious Education

RE is on a Friday. This half term we will be looking at 'Which rules should we follow?'

## 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 where we live in the UK, and also the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

## PE/Games



In PE this half term, we will be learning Gymnastics with Miss Sanderson on a Monday, and 'Bounce the Ball' unit with Mrs Pollitt on a Tuesday.

**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 Tuesday. Forest School is on Thursday, 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!