English Martyrs' RC Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We are looking forward to a new year of learning in Year Four. This half term our main topic is '**I Am a Warrior'.** Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this theme. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. **Swimming** this year will take place on a **Mondays, PE** will be on **Wednesdays.** Homework will be set every **Monday** on MS Teams and other websites such as MyMaths. Thank you.

Ms Ashton and Mrs Amachree- Class teachers

Year Four - Autumn Term 1

I AM A WARRIOR

MATHS

This term, the class will be working on a variety of mathematical skills including:

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digits number and in a four-digits number.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Identify regular and irregular geometric shapes including quadrilaterals and triangles
- identify different types of triangles (isosceles, equilateral, scalene and right angled)
- Multiplication and division and problem solving
- Solve problems involving positive integer scaling.
- Understanding symmetry in shapes.
- Use co-ordinates on a grid.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE, our topic is **Creation and Covenant**. Children will learn about the significant people scattered across the story of salvation. Beginning with Abraham, they will understand how lives lived in faith, love and hope can bring a sense of deep relationship with God.

COMPUTING

We will be unpacking Hardware & Software. This unit allows children to further their understanding of technology and computer systems in relation to their hardware and software. Children will understand the role of hardware, the role of software and how they interact together to complete tasks.

MUSIC

We will be learning about **building bricks of music.** We will learn the names of a variety of instruments and describe the tone quality of instruments. We will learn how to recognise pitch by steps or leaps. We will be singing songs including those in canon form and maintaining part in an ensemble. Our music choice will be linked to Black History Month.

SCIENCE

This term our topic will be **Sound,** we will make predictions, plan and carry out fair tests. We will record our results and draw conclusions from our recordings. We will investigate how sounds are made and investigate low and high-pitched sounds.

HISTORY – GEOGRAPHY

Our topic this half term is '**I am a Warrior'** and we will be learning about The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will be learning about one of the greatest and most influential civilisations in the world which lasted for over a 1000 years and how archaeologists are able to use clues to learn about them. We will investigate how the discovery of bronze and iron changed societies: from roaming groups to farming settlements.

In October we will also be celebrating **Black History Month**.

WRITING AND READING

Throughout this term the texts we will be reading are:

The Day You Begin – *(Whole school book)*

The book has themes of 'coming together' and 'community'. We will also be reading **'Tar Beach'** by Faith Ringgold to inspire and inform our writing.

Dialogue (as a script)- We will use be retelling the story as a script.

Poem – We will be writing poems about the ocean.

Diary entry- We will use drama to take on the role of a character. We will then write diary entries in role.

Story- We will write our own versions of the stories we read about during our writing lessons.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will apply the effect of light on objects from different directions Begin to use perspective in work using a single foci point and horizon Start to use different techniques for different purposes eg hatching, shading and blending. Develop greater proportion.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about **Growth Mindset** and Mindup lessons – The brain, mindful breathing, listening, seeing, smelling, tasting and movement.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term's focus is on the skills that are involved in swimming and gymnastics; we will develop our flexibility, speed, balance, coordination, strength, social skills and confidence.