

### Literacy and Phonics:

The pupils have already been getting back into the swing of their phonics groups and practising their reading skills. Their knowledge of the sounds is strong so we will be having a focus this term on comprehension and understanding and wider range of vocabulary while reading.

This term, we will be basing our writing on a story called "The Magical Suitcase" where someone is transported to different places by their suitcases and get to experience a variety of different environments and habitats. Once we have got to know the story of "The Magical Suitcase" a bit better, we will be using our Geography knowledge to create a story where the suitcase takes us to different places and habitats in Asia. We will be developing our descriptive vocabulary to create a clear picture of each place using all of our senses.

We will also be exploring a variety of different genres during our free reading time to see what the pupils prefer and what kinds of books pique their interest. We will be accessing the school library and the pupils also have access to the books in our class library.

The Post 16 pupils will also be accessing Literacy through their life skills sessions. This term we will be looking at how you can choose, plan and organise a trip abroad to match our wider theme.

### Problem Solving and Reasoning:

In Maths this term we will be covering Place Value and the four operations. The pupils are familiar with the place value blocks and grids and we will be using those to refresh our knowledge and complete some investigations in groups to deepen our understanding. There are some keen mathematicians in the class so there will be a focus on problem solving and the chance to apply their mathematical knowledge to practical problems.

The Post 16 pupils will also be learning about how to budget for their trip, how exchanging currency works and how to plan travel times and dates.

## Hot Countries – Asia: Becoming and Eco Warrior

### Albatross class



### How you can help at home:

Hello! It will be great to meet all of you at Parents Evening and I am really looking forward to getting to know the pupils and you, their families, as well.

I would love to see what the pupils get up to outside of school. If the pupils would like to share something, photos and videos can be uploaded to Earwig or they can agree to bring something into school to show the class.

### Other Curriculum areas:

**Science/Geography:** These subjects will be in a combined unit this term. We will be exploring and comparing the weather conditions in the UK and in certain countries in Asia. We will also be investigating different building materials to try and find out how houses can be built to keep cool without needing to power an air conditioning unit. It is at the forefront of our minds after this summer of heatwaves!

**Art/DT:** Art this term is linked to our theme. We are exploring different media and techniques to create a rainforest habitat in a shoe box. This is called a diorama.

**Asdan/Careers:** We will be working with the pupils to identify their personal goals and create some steps to work towards them. This will be evidenced in their Asdan folders and, for the younger pupils, will take the form of project work.

**PHSE:** This term we will be having a refresher on the rights and responsibilities that the pupils have in school and a reminder about our expectations.

**RE:** Our aims this term will be to explore some of the religions and beliefs of different countries in Asia. We will also be exploring some meditation and mindfulness exercises.

**Music:** The pupils in Albatross class are very keen on music and the pupils will be exploring their favourite genres and identifying some of the features about the music that they like.

### Highlights:

**14<sup>th</sup> October** Parents' Evening  
**WB 21<sup>st</sup> September** Music Flood Week