

## English

We will start off the year by focusing on our spoken language skills and exploring our mission statement. Why is being part of a community is so important? We will also be considering what makes a good presentation and we'll start to deliver our own each week. October is Black History Month so we will be reading 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverley Naidoo a wonderful book about two children who journey through South Africa during apartheid to try to reach their mother. Will they find her in time to save their baby sister?

## Topic

We start the year exploring what it means to have a **growth mind set** and how we have different 'learning powers' to help us on our learning journeys. This term we will be going back in time and finding out what our local area was like. We will be using the census and other historical resources to help us discover what the coal mining industry was like. Why was it so important to our area? What happened to all the coal mines? We will also be developing our artistic skills this term and learning how to make collagraph prints, inspired by the seasons.

## Other

Our main focus for this term will be to settle back into school and getting back into good routines to make sure we are ready to learn. We will be spending time looking at our school rules: Be ready; Be respectful; Be safe and exploring our Mission Statement. We will also be developing our drawing skills and learning how to create movement in our work.



## Mathematics

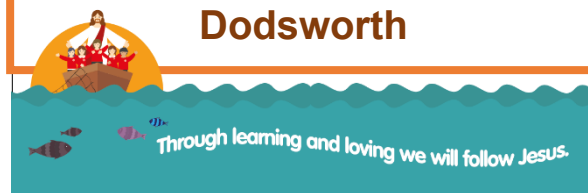
This term we will be focusing on place value and exploring numbers up to one million. We will also be learning more about the four operations and the different written and mental strategies we can use to calculate. We will also be continuing our times tables practise and looking at different strategies to help us remember them. This includes continuing to practise using TT Rock Stars and maybe even challenging friends and teachers to a battle!



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## Science

Which materials are good thermal insulators? Can a solution of salt water be separated? These are just some of the questions we will be investigating this term in our exciting topics all about materials. We'll be using our scientific enquiry skills to carry out fair tests and observe as well as looking at ways to record our findings.

## Religious Education

We will begin the year learning about our school's mission statement. Then, our first topic is 'Ourselves' where we will learn about the qualities that make us unique. The second topic is 'Life Choices', where we will look at the importance of making good choices as well as friendships, marriage and Jesus' mission. We will also spend a week exploring Judaism and finding out more about this other faith.