



## R.E.



Our units this term are:

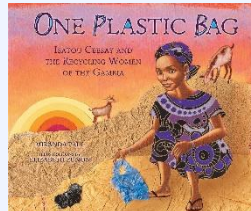
**Galilee to Jerusalem** and **Desert to Garden.**

Children will also plan and take part in regular Collective Worship.

## English:

We will read the following text this term:

'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. We will also be exploring persuasive writing techniques and letter writing.



**Grammar and Writing Skills:** Children will continue to revisit a range of basic punctuation including capital letters, full stops, inverted commas for speech, the appropriate use of exclamation and question marks, apostrophes and commas. Children will be re-enforcing grammatical techniques such as expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

**Reading Skills:** Children will be practising to read words accurately, draw inferences, read with expression and be able to recall and summarise ideas from the text.

**Please remember to read with your child 5 times a week. Reading Records must be handed in every Monday.**

**Spelling:** Children will follow the Year 4 spelling programme and take part in weekly spelling tests with a different focus each week.

**Handwriting:** Children will continue to practise and improve their handwriting, focusing on joining and correct letter formation and spacing. All children will write with a blue handwriting pen. Please continue to use Letter Join.



## Maths:



This term, the children will focus on the following units:

Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals.

Please remember to continue to learn your Times Tables up to 12x12 as the children will take part in a statutory Times Tables test in the Summer Term.



## History:

We will find out about the **Shang Dynasty of China** and how we have come to know about it today. Researching the Shang Kings and discover about the Shang Royal Burials. Children will also discover how the Shang Dynasty ended.

We will investigate and interpret the past and present and will understand chronology and communicate our understanding of history.

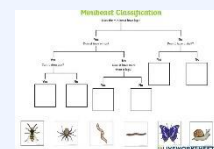
## Geography:

We will study the **continents of Asia** with a particular focus on **China**

We will investigate places and patterns and learn about human and physical features.



## Science:



This term, the children will focus on the following unit: **Living things and their Habitats.**

They will learn about classification, different habitats and food chains.

They will make simple conclusions based on findings and observations.

They will relate findings and conclusions to their scientific knowledge and explain their predictions.

## Computing:

Our Computing topics this term are:

### **Repetition of Shapes and Data Logging**

Children will also be using the iPads throughout all areas of the curriculum and learning about

### **Online Safety.**



## Art and D.T:

Our Art and D.T. topics this term are:

### **Food: Adapting a Recipe, Structure: Birdhouses and Craft and Design: Fabric of Nature.**



Children will practise sketching, drawing, designing and evaluating skills. They will use various art mediums in different ways such as pastels, paint and wax.

## P.E:

All classes will be having Gymnastics led by Northwood Gym this half-term. They will also be learning how to play hockey.

Children will also take part in daily fitness and keep fit activities.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct P.E. kit on their P.E. days.



## RSHE:

Our RSHE unit for the Spring term is:

### **Created to Love Others**

This unit explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe both online and in our daily lives.

### Music:

This half term children will be learning songs and analysing the features and looking at instruments involved.

They will be exploring a range of Music genres.



### French:

The focus this term is on shapes, and prepositions of place, introducing the concept of adjectival positioning and agreement. Pupils will use familiar verb forms in this new context to describe pictures they create. Pupils will also learn the parts of the body and face and use this language to describe the work of Matisse and other French artists.

### Reminders:

**Reading Records:** These are checked every Monday. They must be signed by a parent/carer 5 times a week. Children change their books every Monday and should be taking these home each week to read aloud.

**Homework:** Maths and Spelling homework is set weekly. English and R.E. homework is set occasionally throughout the term. All homework tasks will be outlined clearly on the Weekly Newsletter, sent each Friday.

**P.E:** P.E. days may change throughout the term. Please check the Weekly Newsletter for this information. Children are to wear their P.E. kit to school on their P.E. days. Please look at the uniform policy and ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct kit.

**Equipment:** Pencil cases should be small enough to fit into your child's tray. Please ensure they have a ruler, glue stick, 3x blue handwriting pens, writing pencils, colouring pencils and a highlighter.

**Contact:** If you wish to meet with your class teacher, this can be arranged by e-mailing 'year4@shpsruislip.org'. Drop-in sessions are from 3:15 every Tuesday.