



# Year 6 Autumn Term 1 2019

## Oxford Mysteries



**As historians** we will be learning about the history of our local area, focussing on some of the mysterious and dramatic events in Oxford's history, such as Empress Matilda's escape from Oxford Castle and Amy Robsart's death

**As geographers** we will be looking at maps of Oxford and developing our understanding of grid references. We will be looking at how land use has changed over time. We will be designing our own tourist maps.

**As artists and designers** we will be creating sketches and watercolour pictures of locations in Oxford using perspective.

### English

As a class we will be reading and discussing extracts from stories written by local authors: Phillip Pullman, Lewis Carroll, C.S Lewis and J.R.R Tolkien. Pupils will write autobiographies about local authors.

To develop story-telling skills we will be writing portal stories. We will also be creating newspaper articles inspired by our topic work.

Children will continue to practise and consolidate their understanding of accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

### Maths

 Children will be taught key aspects of :

- Place value
- Calculation using all four operations
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Time
- Reasoning
- Measurement
- Properties of shape, position and direction.
- Problem solving

### Computing

We will develop coding skills using Espresso coding. We will learn to manipulate inputs and use variables in simulations

**Science** We will be looking at the way that animals can be grouped according to their features. We will also be looking at the process of natural selection and how this relates to the theory of evolution.

### PE and Sport

This will include gymnastics and, developing skills needed to play invasion games such as tag rugby.

**Music** We will listen and comment on the purpose of film soundtracks. We will create compositions inspired by Oxford stories.

**French** We will learn and use the vocabulary of the school classroom in games, discussion and written work.

**RE** This term we will be considering the question 'Are the Saints encouraging role models?' We will learn about inspirational religious figures such as Mother Theresa and Ghandi.

**Enrichment** We will be visiting Oxford to find out about some of the mysteries and stories of the city. This will include a science themed workshop at The Natural History museum. We will be participating in Forest school to learn about the local environment and develop outdoor skills. We will be taking part in some gardening and cooking projects.

**SMSC:** As a class we will focus on becoming independent, responsible and motivated Year 6 pupils. We will be taking on new responsibilities around the school. We will be exploring the values of perseverance, hope and respect.