

# What Are We Learning At The Firs This Term?

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**Maths** We will practise mental calculation strategies and revise and extend the children's knowledge of place value. We will develop the use of various addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, including some more formal written approaches and solve 'real life' problems involving money. The children will work on topics covering areas of measures and shape and space, including length, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, perimeter and time.

**English** We will read historical stories, play scripts, poems based on common themes and a range of non-fiction texts, including reports and instructions. The children will develop their writing skills, learning to use commas for a pause, to recognise different verb tenses and various spelling rules. They will write stories, diary extracts, play-scripts, poems and a range of non-fiction texts, learning to match language and style to the audience and purpose.

- **Science** We will be identifying how sounds are made and how they travel to our ears. The children will try to find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of vibrations that produced it.

**ICT** The children are developing their word processing skills including, changing fonts, inserting pictures, using cut and paste and spell checking. We will be using 2Create to create presentations.

**Geography** The children will be learning about Tocuaro, a village in Mexico, comparing it with life in Ampthill. Children will look at maps and plans, learn about volcanoes and how climate and other factors affect life and land use in a settlement. We will also look at weather around the world and the effects of extreme weather.

**Music** We will be using the Music Express as the basis for work on developing children's appreciation of music. We will be creating and recording compositions using instruments and ICT.

**PE** Work will include gymnastics where we will look at shape, balance and movement. We will also be doing tag rugby this term and developing the skills required to play the sport fluently.



**PSHE** we are thinking about keeping healthy and learning to respect each other.

**RE** Children will learn about some of the main aspects of the Islamic faith.

**Art and Design** We will be looking at Banksy's street art and creating our own 'graffiti' using stencils we have designed ourselves.