### Maths

In maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of number to get our brains started this year! We will move on to exploring place value of digits and learning our number bonds to 10, 20 and even 100! We will then use our number knowledge to explore addition and subtractions, ending with exploring word problems to deduce the operation needed to solve it. A great website to practice all these fundamental skills at home is <a href="www.topmarks.com">www.topmarks.com</a> and a game called Hit the Button!' Have a play and wow me!

#### Music

Music will be taught to Holly Class on a Thursday by Mrs Fuller and she has lots of exciting and practical musicals activities planned around Dynamics, Timbre, Tempo and Motifs all linked with our topic of Memory Box.

# **RE and PSHE**

This half term we will be exploring the question, 'Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?'

We will be learning about the Christian Value of Thankfulness and why it is important.

PSHE will be taught by Mrs Rouse and we will begin exploring 'Being in my World.'

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#### PE

PE will be taught by a Premier Sports Coach on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday. The year kicks off with invasion games, learning about special awareness, team work and some skills involved in throwing and catching. The children are to come in wearing their PE kits on these days. PE will be taught by Mr Chapman.

## **English**

In English we will be following the theme of Memory Box and exploring poetry, narratives and some non-fiction writing of non-chronological reports.

Michael Rosen will be the inspiration for our poetry with poems such as 'Chocolate Cake' and 'The Sneeze.' We will also learn through the story of 'Wilfred Gordon Mc Donald Partridge,' a story about a little boy with a big name who helps Miss Nancy get her memories back.

## Topic

# **Memory Box**

Are you ready to travel back in time? This half term, we're taking a trip to the past to discover what life was like at the time when we were born. We'll find out how babies change and grow over time. Thinking about our childhoods, we'll use photos and objects from the past to help us remember special times including weddings and christenings. We'll talk about our families and share happy memories of people or pets. Learning about the days, weeks and months of the year will help us to work out how long we will have to wait for our birthdays to arrive! We'll decide how objects from the past were used and have fun learning games, songs and dances from bygone days.

## Reading

We really appreciate all the support that you give the children by reading with them at home and know you are working hard with the children to learn their spellings. This half term we are focusing on the children's comprehension skills, so questioning them about what has happened in the books they are reading or asking them about why they think the author chose to use certain words or events will help support their general understanding of the texts they are reading.