

Picknalls First School  
This half term Year 4's topic will be Canada.  
Please help your child to explore this topic.



In **Geography** we will be investigating where Canada is in the world. We will learn about its physical features, the weather and climate, native animals and the original types of settlement and land use.

In **RE** we will investigate the importance for believers of ceremonies in which special moments in the lifecycle are marked. In PSHE we will be exploring what it is like to be part of a community.

As **scientists** we will be exploring sound. We will learn about ways in which sound can be varied, to associate sound with something vibrating and to investigate the relationship between volume and strength of vibrations.

Within **Music** lessons we will continue to learn the Ukulele with our Peripatetic Music Teacher. We will also learn Christmas songs for a competition and for a small celebration with parents.

In **ICT** we will be working on BGFL to make a Canadian animal fact file. We will research animals using the internet and use J2e5 to make the document.

As **artists and designers** we will be developing our sketching and painting techniques with a focus on pencil, pastel and paint.

Within **P.E** we will be completing gym activities, creating sequences for the floor and on the equipment. We will also continue swimming lessons at the leisure centre. We will learn how to play handball – a new invasion game.

In **French** we will be reading a story involving colours and days of the week. We will also learn how French people celebrate Christmas.

In **Relationship and Health Education** we will be exploring the diverse world we live in, focusing on people's strengths and celebrating differences. We will also research British values and the laws that exist to protect us.



## English



In **English** we will be learning about the Titanic. The writing focus will be on non-fiction texts including diary entries and letters. We will be concentrating on improving grammar and vocabulary for use in our written work. Books we will read include Titanic – The Disaster That Shook The World, Polar – the Titanic Bear and Kaspar the Prince of Cats. Our reading focus will be to explore the author's use of language.

## Numeracy



In **Maths** our focus will be **Measurement**: working out Length and Perimeter as well as converting between different units of measure. **Number**: Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . **Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000**. Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally. **Solve problems involving multiplying and adding**.