

# DO YOU BELONG?

## Curriculum:

**English:** Our focus text is called 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan, a book which explores the themes of belonging and acceptance. We will be using the book to explore what it means to be a stranger through the writing of narratives. Our **Reading** will also link with these themes, through the stories of the wonderful Onjali K Rauf. In **Maths**, we will be recapping prior learning and applying what we have learned to problem-solving. In **Science**, we are looking at the pioneering work of Carl Linneaus in the field of classification as we examine techniques and pre-requisites for cataloguing organisms in the natural world. Our **Geography** work will involve using maps and atlases to learn more about the human and physical geography of the USA. **R.E.** sees us looking at the 'Five Pillars' of Islam and how Hajj (a devotional journey) plays a major role in expressing devotion to God (Allah). In **PSHEE** we will be looking at how we can nurture our own mental well-being by recognising how and when to ask for help, and examining how we can most effectively communicate how we feel. At the end of term, some whole-day **Art** sessions will give us space and time to explore landscape painting and use mixed media to create our own landscapes. In **Computing** we will make our own games on Scratch and in **P.E.** the two sessions have a dual foci: Striking and fielding skills in Kwik cricket, and orienteering and map reading skills.

We will be working hard at the beginning of term preparing for SATs week. Look out for further information early in the term regarding the ever-popular SATs breakfasts and arrangements for post-SATs treats!

Passports at the ready for our new topic, as we explore the notion of journeys, both physical and spiritual. Our summer term sees us further into our Christ Church journeys, with plenty to look forward to in our learning and in our recognition of new horizons just around the corner...

## General reminders and routines:

**P.E.** is, once again, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Homework** will be handed out on a Wednesday, to be handed in on the following Tuesday, with spelling tests on a Wednesday morning. T.T. Rockstars is still live every week for your child to practise their fluency in all of the times tables facts. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody concerned of the need, in readiness for the increased volume of homework at secondary school, for promptness when handing work in, and to ensure that the homework is carried out to a high standard.

## Key dates:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Class photographs

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Bank Holiday & May Fayre

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May: SATs week

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: End of Term 5