

### **R.S.E – Life to the full**

Children will consider what physical contact is appropriate and inappropriate. They will be introduced to the term 'abuse' and discuss different kinds of abuse, including sexual abuse. Pupils will learn some key information and facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco – the teaching is underpinned with the religious understanding that consuming these substances is harmful to our bodies, and therefore God's creation. Pupils will consider a range of scenarios in order to learn about making the right choices. They will also learn about how First Aid, quick reactions and staying calm during an emergency can make the difference between life and death.

### **Science – Mirror Mirror**

Pupils will learn about the wonders of light, including reflections and shadows. Children will think scientifically about what the most common sources of light are, whether all materials and objects reflect light, and why we can see our image clearly in some materials but not in others.

### **English**

Children will analyse different characters and perspectives from Anthony Brown's 'Voices in the Park' book. We will look at understanding the characters, and using this analysis to write informal emails between them. We will incorporate grammar we have learned, focusing on adverbs of time, place and cause; prefixes and suffixes; and apostrophes to show plural possession.

We will read some poems, including by poets such as Benjamin Zephaniah. Children will also write their own poems and read their work aloud to their classmates, helping to increase confidence in speaking to an audience.

We will use VIPERS to support children's comprehension skills in our guided reading sessions.

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Pupils are expected to use neat, cursive handwriting for written work in all subjects.

# URBAN PIONEERS

### **Mathematics – Measurement: length and perimeter**

Children are revisiting measurement of metres, centimetres and millimetres, and learning about equivalent measurements. They will put this into practice, measuring the perimeter of areas. They will begin to focus on fractions. Once again, times tables are of the utmost importance, so children will continue to practice these regularly.

### **Music – The Dragon Song**

This is a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

### **Topic – geography and history**

Year 3 will be focusing on the London and the local Finchley area, where we go school and many of us also live. We will research and learn about some of London's famous landmarks, and create factual posters about some of these. Children will look at pictures from past and present day Finchley, exploring how the area has changed over the decades. They will also learn about local heroes, including Harry Beck, designer of the London Underground map.

### **R.E. – Desert to Garden**

We will focus on the season of Lent, and the event of Holy Week, describing key events such as how Jesus showed his love at the Last Supper. We will retell the story of St Peter and learn about his 'denial' of Jesus, as well as the role of Pope as Peter's successor.

We will also learn and perform our Easter play, The Three Trees, this half term.

### **Art – Urban Pioneers**

Children will base their art on London, and will learn about creating appropriate graffiti and images of London's skyline.

### **Computing – branching databases**

Learners will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one.

### **P.E – cricket**

We will learn about throwing and catching, batting and running.