

**English: Writing:** We will be using Talk for Writing to learn the features of an instructional text. Children will then be able to use this to write their own set of instructions. We will also be looking at the features of play scripts and performance.

**Reading:** We will also continue with reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

**History and Geography:** In Geography we will be studying rivers including locating and naming rivers as well as the features and uses of one. We will also focus on how the river has changed the lives of people in Southend as we continue our local study in history.

**P.E.** Children will learn and create dance phrases, performing with fluency based around the theme of 'Rivers' and the movement of water. Children will be encouraged to apply speed, tension and continuity and develop an understanding of the use of stimuli to create narratives.

## Year 4 – Autumn 2

### **Let it shine!**

**ICT:** The children will identify the input and output devices required to work with sound digitally. They will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright. In order to record audio themselves, the children will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks and opening and saving the audio files. They will then evaluate their work and give feedback to their peers.

**RE:** This topic focuses on 'Prophecy and Promise', the children will explore aspects of the story of Elijah which shows the importance of faith and hope in God even in desperate times. Pupils will then make links between Elijah and John the Baptist.

**Science:** The children will learn about common electrical appliances and how to construct simple series circuits. Children will learn about cells, wires, bulbs and buzzers and about the different types of switches. They will be able to troubleshoot and identify whether or not a bulb will light in a simple series circuit and be able to identify a complete circuit. The children will also learn about conductors and insulators and know that metals are very good electrical conductors.

**Maths:** We will be continuing the Big Maths programme and this half term we will concentrate on multiplication and division. We will also focus on fractions and data.

**Art:** Children will explore how and why artists incorporate light and shade into their work. They will practise their sketching skills using pencils and paint and practice still life drawing and painting. We will also be looking at art based around religious themes closer to Christmas.

**Music:** As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song Mamma Mia, children will listen and appraise more ABBA hits. The children will also be learning Christmas carols for their carol service.