At St Michael's we strive to develop and inspire courageous, respectful and resilient learners encouraging them to serve with kindness, respect and tolerance guided by our Christian values so that they can flourish, living 'life in all its fullness'. (John 10:10)

#### English

We will be starting the year reading the text, 'Stone Age Boy', linking in with our history topic. We will then read 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children will write their own chapter for the story, write free verse poems based on fireworks and learn about owls and other nocturnal animals. We shall then get in the Christmas spirit by basing lots of exciting writing on Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol.

#### Maths

In Maths, children will learn to count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100 and find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number. They will also learn how to recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number (100s, 10s, 1s) and compare and order numbers up to 1,000. They will learn to read and write numbers up to 1,000 in numerals and in words and solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.

#### Science

In Science, children will be learning how to compare and group rocks based on their appearance and physical properties, giving a reason. They will learn about the difference between sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks. Children will learn how fossils are formed and how soil is made.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE, children will be focussing on Relationships. They will explore features of family life and learning the importance of self-respect.

# Autumn Term



# RE

We start the year by answering the big Question: What is the Trinity? Where we will explore stories from the Bible and explore the impact of the Trinity on Christians today. We will then move onto Festivals of Light as we learn about different faiths and the links to the Christian time of Advent.

### Art and DT

The children will explore Surrealism in Art and learn more about the life and work of Frida Kahlo.

As we approach the Christmas period, the children will design and sew their own Christmas stocking.

The children will taught by a PE coach for gymnastics this term. On their second PE session, they will learn invasion skills and apply these to basketball and hockey.

#### History

This term, we shall start out first history topic answering the big question: How did life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

## Geography

We shall finish the Autumn term by starting our geography as we explore three major cities around the world: Rio De Janeiro, London and Moscow. Which major city would we choose to live in?

#### Computing

Using Purple Mash, the children will be developing their coding skills. They will learn how to use timers and create their own coding programs. They will also be discussing various online safety topics.

#### French

This half term we will be completing Getting to Know you unit and All about Me.