# <u>Year 4NT</u> Class Curriculum Review- Autumn 2023



## **English**

In English, we have been reading 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith and 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom McLaughlin. We have really enjoyed listening to both texts. We were inspired by The Hodgeheg to write our own stories about an animal who bumps their head. We have used ideas from The Accidental Prime Minister to do lots of creative writing; for example, designing our own houses, schools and transport.



### **Science**

In Autumn 1, our science topic was 'animals including humans.' We have been looking at the types of teeth humans and animals have, why they are different and how to keep them clean. In one investigation, we put 5 eggs in different liquids and observed over time the impact they had on the shell of the egg, imagining this was our teeth. We were very shocked to see the damage fresh orange juice caused! In Autumn 2, we have been looking at electricity. We can now independently create an electrical circuit.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE this half term we have been doing lots of work on healthy and unhealthy relationships. We now understand what it means to be in an unhealthy relationship and what we can do about. We have also learned about staying safe online and some of the dangers we may face. We know how to stay SMART online.



## Geography

Our geography topic this term has been the study of our local area. We have spent time in the classroom learning how to read a map by using 4-figure grid references. We then took this learning outside and went on a field trip to Maidendale Nature Reserve. We looked closely at the nature and the wildlife which can be found there. We loved studying outside the classroom and have really developed our map reading skills.



In Autumn 1 our PE topic was tag rugby. We have learned how to correctly hold and pass a rugby ball and how to play tag rugby. Miss Trainer was very impressed with our defending skills. There was a lot of competitiveness between the children. In Autumn 2 our PE topic was gymnastics. We have learned how to correctly do forward rolls, balances and travelling. We then climbed on the apparatus and showed our balances from up high.



# **Design and Technology**

In DT this half term we have been learning to sew. We have learned 3 different type of stitches. To start our creation process we evaluated current pencil cases and used this evaluation to help design our own. We then put our sewing practice to the test and made our own pencil cases. Miss Trainer was extremely impressed with our perseverance and our final product.

