

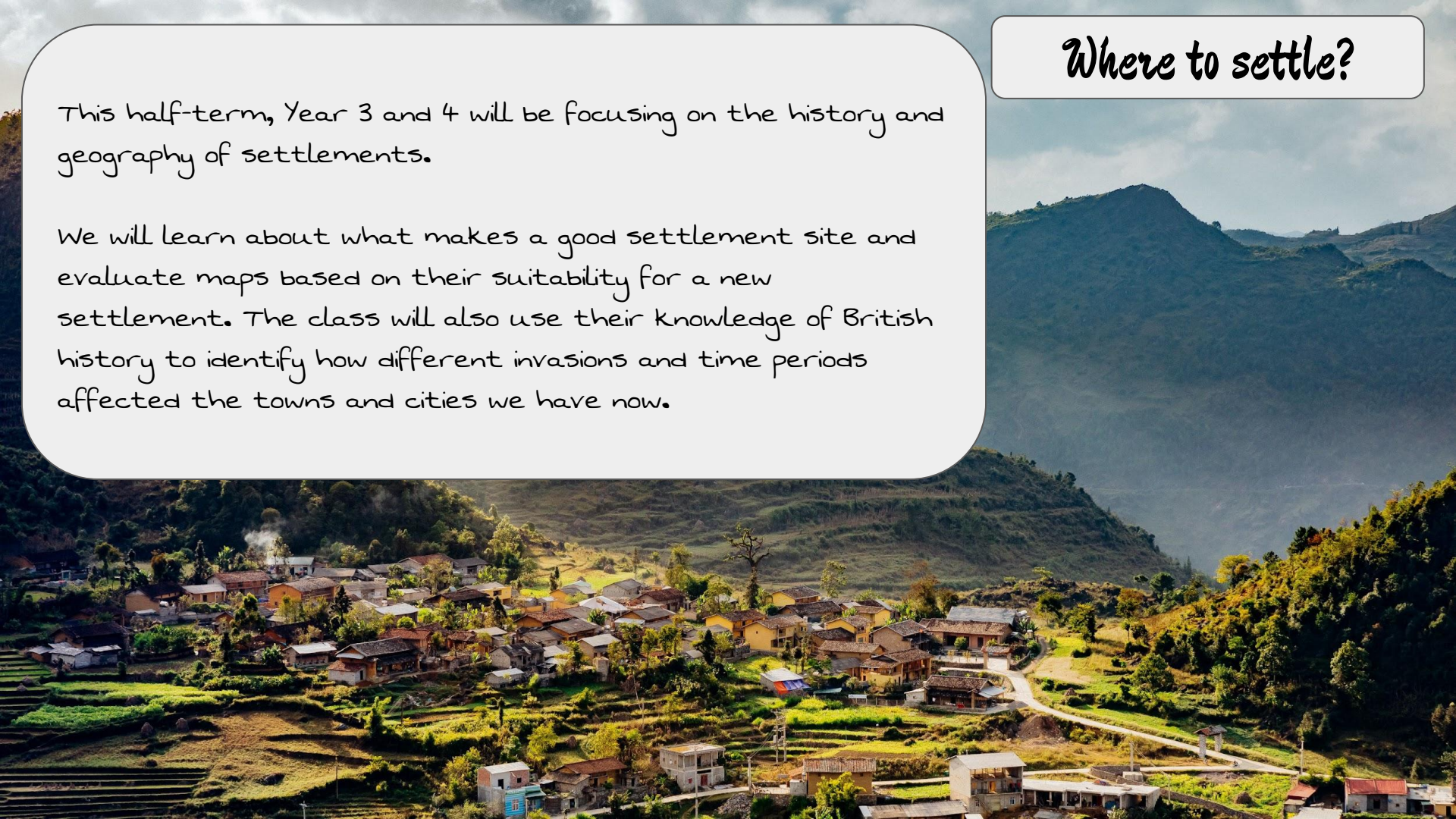
Year 3 and 4
Summer 2 2024
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This half-term, Year 3 and 4 will be focusing on the history and geography of settlements.

We will learn about what makes a good settlement site and evaluate maps based on their suitability for a new settlement. The class will also use their knowledge of British history to identify how different invasions and time periods affected the towns and cities we have now.



English

This half term, year 3 and 4 will first be exploring the information text '*Questions and Answers: How does it work?*' By Katie Daynes. The children will answer comprehension questions. They will use conjunctions to order and explain their sentences as well as adverbs to order and specify. To finish the unit the children will create a booklet which draws together everything we have learnt in this unit.

We will then focus on poems by the same poet: Valerie Bloom. We will revise prepositions and expanded noun phrases before writing a tribute poem as a gift for someone special.

Maths

During this term, year 3 will be learning about:

Shape: key vocabulary to describe angles, Measure and draw angles accurately, understand the terms horizontal and vertical as well as recapping on 2-d and 3-d shapes.

Statistics: to understand and represent data in different ways such as pictograms, bar charts and two way tables.

During this half term, Year 4 will be learning about:

Shape: Understanding Angles as turns, comparing and ordering Angles, triangles and quadrilaterals. Polygons, Lines of symmetry and symmetric figure.

Statistics: Representing data in different ways (Line graphs) as well as recapping bar charts, pictograms and two way tables.

Position and direction: Focus on describing the position, drawing and moving on a grid.

Science

Scientists and inventors: this unit will teach the children about famous scientists and inventors. They will learn about the dangers posed to living things in Madagascar, and Gerald Durrell's conservation efforts on the island.

They will learn about Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone as well as modern improvements on his invention by inventors.

We will explore the early use of solar energy in homes, invented and built by Maria Telkes and Eleanor Raymond.

We will research the discovery of oxygen and the invention of toothpaste. The children will design and invent their own brand of toothpaste to compete against real brands.

D&T

Edible garden: This unit provides an opportunity for children to learn where and how a variety of ingredients are grown. Firstly, children will learn how to plant seeds and care for their plants so they yield produce that can be used in their cooking. They will learn how to cook with the ingredients they are growing; following recipes and using different kitchen equipment.

PE

Athletics: this half-term, we will be developing our existing running, jumping and throwing skills by; combining skills to tackle hurdles, perform standing long jumps and performing throws.

Geography

Settlements: Our class will continue to learn all about settlements in the context of the United Kingdom. We will learn about how invasions of the country affected the names of our towns and cities, how land is used in settlements and how settlements are linked.

Spanish

We will be revising our basic Spanish including; greetings, numbers, days and months. We will also begin our new topic of all about school and learn how to discuss our school and lessons in Spanish.

Computing

Presentation skills: This unit develops children's use of presentation software. The first three lessons teach children new skills, following on from previous skills learnt; setting the theme, slide transitions, animating objects onto the slide, creating hyperlinks in the action settings and adding audio and video.

PSHE

Think positive: This unit is designed to build on what the children have already learnt about feelings, both comfortable and uncomfortable and how our attitude towards life can affect our mental health.

Key Dates

Friday 11th June - School trip to Gulliver's world.

Wednesday 26th June - Sports day 9:15 start.

Friday 28th June - End of year reports sent out.

Monday 1st July - Tuesday 2nd July - Parents meetings after.

Wednesday 3rd July - Junior performance - Cinderella, Rockefeller - 2pm.

Thursday 4th July - Early years and KSI performance - Croak - 2pm

Monday 8th July - Year 5&6 Enterprise fair - 3:30pm

Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 leavers assembly - 11 am
- School closes for summer - 12 pm noon.

Homework

Homework will be given out every **Monday** and is due back in the following **Monday**.

It will consist of at least 1 maths and 1 reading piece and a list of spellings to practise for a Friday spelling test.

Children should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes daily and this should be written into their reading records.

PE

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE uniform on a Wednesday.

