

This half term Year 3/4 are learning about:

BONES



English

In English this half term, Year 3 will be learning a losing tale called 'William's Lucky Escape' and they will use this tale to create their own losing tale. Year 3 will be focusing on sentence structure, punctuation and conjunctions. In Year 4, we will be learning a finding tale called 'Ben and the Stolen Diamond'. We will be focusing on fronted adverbials, punctuation and sentence structure.

Handwriting lessons will be taught several times a week which will enable pupils to practise joining their handwriting. Spellings will be learned each week; a linked homework activity will reinforce this. The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will also be learning spellings from the year 3/4 spelling list. They will receive spellings weekly and try out lots of different strategies to secure their understanding.

In Year 3, our class book will be 'Rabbit and Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits: Book 1 - Rabbit and Bear' and in Year 4, their class book will be 'Because of Winn Dixie' by Kate DiCamillo. Most children will use the Accelerated reader system to guide their daily independent reading. Each child will bring a reading book home daily so please do encourage your child to read, as well as listening to them read too.

Science – Bones

Children will learn about the bones and skeletons in both humans and animals. Children will learn about the different types of skeletons and why many living things have a skeleton. They will learn the names of the main bones in the body and find out more about muscles and joints. They will develop their research skills and investigate the length of bones.

Maths

This half term in maths, the children will be learning all about numbers. They will recognise the place value of numbers; using this knowledge to order and compare numbers.



Year 3 children will learn about numbers up to 1000 while Year 4 will learn about numbers over a 1000.

After learning to partition and round numbers, the children will begin to develop their understanding of number facts and calculations, particularly addition and subtraction.

Year 3 will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication facts of 2, 5 and 10. They will begin to learn their 3's, 4's and 8's.

Year 4 will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication facts of 3's, 4's and 8's. They will then be learning 6's, 7's, 9's, 11's and 12's.

Learning (and practising) times tables at home would really help your child in school!

History/Geography – Richard III

Children will be learning about a famous king whose bones were found in Leicester! I wonder who that could be? During the topic, they will develop their understanding of chronology, maps and atlases and compare different sources of evidence. They will also take part in a historical debate!

Art/DT

This half term, Year 3 and 4 will be learning about mechanisms, with a focus on levers and linkages. The children will discover what levers and linkages are and how they are used in our daily lives. They will then use this knowledge to design, make and evaluate their own moving figure linked to Richard III.

PE

Year 3 we will be having two sessions of PE a week; athletics and an adventurous activity. Year 4 will have dance and a swimming session at Aylestone Leisure Centre.

A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school.

This must include an outdoor kit.

PE kit should be a plain white t shirt, black shorts, black joggers and a black sweatshirt. Trainers should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.



PE kits
needed
Monday to
Friday

Key Vocabulary

This term, we are learning the following words:

- Skeleton
- Mechanism
- Protection
- Evaluate
- Function
- Identify

Things to do at home

- Regular reading with your child. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Learn times tables.
- Complete homework and spelling homework and hand it in on a Wednesday.

RE/PSHE



This half term in RE, Year 3 and 4 will be starting topics linked to family. Year 3's first topic is called 'Homes' and they will be exploring their own homes and families, recognising the Holy Family as an example to live by.

The second topic is introduced just before half term and this will look at the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Throughout the units, the children will explore scripture and think about what it means to us. Year 4's called topic is 'People'. Children will learn and talk about important members of Jesus' family. They will learn the stories linked to some of Jesus' ancestors.

Computing

This half term, Year 4 will start the term by learning about the importance of Online Safety. Afterwards, they will then look at animations and how to produce their own animation. They will finish the half term exploring how to search online safely and effectively.



French



In French this term, the children in Year 3 will begin the term by covering core vocabulary linked to colours, days of the week and numbers. Afterwards, they will learn the names of animals.