

This half term, Year 3/4 are learning:



English

In English this half term, Year 3 will be learning a Journey tale. They will be focusing on using dialogue in stories and how to create interesting story openings. Following on from this, they will be learning how to write explanation texts.

In Year 4, they will be learning to write a Journey tale based on a Pie Corbett story, 'Sulis' Secret Wish'. The children will be focusing on writing an interesting middle of a story, building upon previous learning. After that, they will move on to writing a discussion text, using a balanced argument. Finally, Year 4 will look at Christmas poems.

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to develop their handwriting, spelling and grammar throughout the term.

In Year 3, our class book will be 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. In Year 4, we are beginning to read, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman.

Science – Light

In science, children will be learning about light. They will begin by revising what light sources are before learning that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will investigate the best materials for a reflective jacket and deliver a presentation about ways to protect their eyes from the sun. Finally, children will learn about shadows; they will look for patterns in the way that the size of the shadows change.

Maths



This half term in maths, Year 3 and 4 will be learning all about multiplication and division.

The focus will be on learning times tables. Year 3 will need to know (by the end of the year) the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Year 4 will need to know (by the end of the year) all times tables to 12 x 12. Children will learn division facts alongside the multiplication.

Year 3 will learn how to multiply a 2 digit number by a single digit. Year 4 extend this using a written method for multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single digit. Children will also be introduced to dividing a 2 digit number by a single digit.

Towards the end of the term, Year 4 will learn about graphs and fractions.

History/Geography – Our local area

Children will be learning about where we live. This will begin by revising the names of continents, countries, counties and cities. Children will learn how to find where we live using the index and co-ordinates in an atlas. Next, we will be going on a fieldtrip along Saffron Lane, which will help us with our work back at school. This will include learning about sketch maps, digital technology, charts and graphs.

Art/DT

This half term, Year 3 and 4 will be developing their drawing skills. They will begin by expressing preferences about existing drawings before developing their drawing techniques such as hatching and cross-hatching. They will learn how to use different pencils and create shadows. They will use what they have learnt to create Christmas cards which will be available for parents to buy in order to raise money for CAFOD.

PE

Year 3 we will be having two sessions of PE a week; gymnastics and dance. Year 4 will have a session of gymnastics 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, some of the words that we will be learning include:

- Reflection
- Multiply
- Division
- Shadows
- Annunciation

Things to do at home

- Regular reading. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Learn times tables.
- Complete homework on Class Dojo.

RE/PSHE



For the first few weeks, the children in both Year 3 and 4 will continue the second RE topic for the Autumn Term.

The children will explore 'Promises' in which pupils learn about Baptism.

The children will then focus on Anti-bullying Week before learning about Judaism.

As we get closer to Christmas, the Advent topic of 'Visitors' will begin. The children will learn about the waiting for the coming of Jesus. They will learn about the annunciation, visitation, the nativity, visit of the shepherds and the wise men.

Computing/French/Music



This half term, Year 3 will start the term by completing their French unit learning about animals.

Year 3 will then focus on computing for the rest of the term. This will include learning about online safety, coding and simulations.

Year 4 will start the term by completing their computing unit, exploring how to search online safely and effectively.

Year 4 will then spend the rest of the term developing their musical skills. We will begin with a unit called 'Stop!' which focussed on a song about anti-bullying. It includes other genres such as Crime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion.