

This half term, Year 3/4 are learning:



English

In English this half term, Year 3 will start the term by looking at a non-chronological report based on a Pie Corbett text. The children will then move onto writing their own non-chronological report which uses paragraphs and includes plurals, noun phrases and determiners. Afterwards, they will read and write cinquain poems.

In Year 4, the children will be learning a Warning tale with a focus on direct speech, prepositions and standard forms of English. They will follow the Talk for Writing framework and will end the unit by writing their own Warning Tale. The children will then move onto writing a script with the purpose of persuading others to do something.

The children in both 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 Sheep-Pig' by Dick King Smith. In Year 4, we are finishing 'A boy called Christmas' by Matt Haig and then reading 'Fortunately the milk' by Neil Gaiman.

Maths



This half term in maths, Year 3 will conclude their work on measures and will be learning to measure volume using millilitres and litres. Next, they will learn all about money and time. The children will be building on recognising different denominations (both notes and coins) and the simple addition and subtraction of sums of money. Pupils are then going to be solving word problems using bar modelling as a key strategy. We will next move onto: telling the time using a.m. and p.m., telling time to the nearest minute, using analogue and digital time and using both the minute and hour hands. Pupils then learn to use the 24-hour clock. We will also measure and compare time in seconds, hours and minutes. Lastly, we will be converting units of time.

Year 4 will begin the term looking at graphs. They will then begin developing their knowledge of fractions. They will be introduced to hundredths and learn about mixed numbers and improper fractions. They will also learn how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions and will solve addition and subtraction word problems. In the last couple of weeks, they will look at decimals and money.

Science: Forces and Magnets



This half term, we will be learning about forces and magnets. Children will learn about forces in the context of pushing and pulling. They will also identify different actions as pushes or pulls. Investigations will include looking into the strengths of different magnets and identifying magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

History/Geography – Anglo-Saxons

In history this half term, Year 3 and Year 4 will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children will discover who the Anglo-Saxons were and when they arrived in Britain. They will also learn about where the Anglo-Saxons came from and settled, as well as their reasons for settling too. Finally, the children will learn about how the Anglo-Saxons lived and the different beliefs they had.

Art/DT- Textiles -Weaving

This half term, Year 3 and 4's unit will be a textile unit based on our Anglo-Saxon topic. The children will start the unit off by learning to sew using a range of different stitches; then they will begin to weave and knit. Throughout the unit, they will use these techniques to create a beautifully woven wall hanging.

PE

Year 3 we will be having two sessions of PE a week; Badminton and dance. Year 4 will have a session of Badminton 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.

Forest School will continue for **all** of year 3 every Friday morning – please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Both groups will have it every Friday morning as oppose to alternate weeks.



Things to do at home

- Regular reading. When your child has finished their book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Learn times tables.
- Complete weekly homework tasks

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning include:

- invader
- settler
- force
- friction
- magnetic
- weave

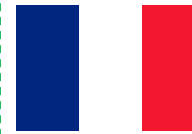
RE/PSHE



Year 3 and 4 will start the term by celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. Our first topic will focus on the Local Church. In Year 3 the topic title is Journeys and the children will journey through the church's year. In Year 4, the topic is Communities where the children will learn about the roles and responsibilities of people within the church community.

We will then all be learning about another faith which this term is Hinduism. Year 3 will learn about the Mandir (Hindu place of worship) and Year 4 will learn about religious texts.

French/Music



This half term, Year 3 will be having a focus on music and Year 4 will be learning Music and French.

Year 3 will start the term with a unit based on Reggae music by Bob Marley called, 'Three Little Birds'. Afterwards, they will then begin another music unit called 'Bringing us Together' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman which they will finish in Spring 2. This is a disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity.

Year 4 will begin the half term with a music unit based on The Beatles Classic Pop song, 'Blackbird' about Civil Rights. Next, they will complete a French unit using Language Angels called 'Je Peux' which introduces them to verbs. Finally, they will use all their new knowledge to improve listening and reading skills in French.