

This half term, Year 3/4 are learning:



English

In English this half term, Year 3 will be exploring a warning story. They will learn how to use Standard English and think about the way an author describes or shows the reader what a character is like. Using 'Talk for Writing', children will model their writing on the story before going on to write their own independent stories. After this, we will spend some time consolidating the year's foci.

Year 4 will start the term by exploring and reading diary entries, writing a diary entry based on the text 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Afterwards, the children will learn how to write shape poems and will then end the term by consolidating the year's foci.

The children in both Year 3 and Year 4 will also continue to develop their handwriting and spelling skills.

In Year 3, our class books this term will be 'A boy and a bear in a boat' by David Shelton. In Year 4, we will be reading 'Atticus Claw - Breaks the law' by Jennifer Gray.

Maths



This half term in maths, Year 3 will be continuing to learn about fractions. We will begin by counting in tenths and then making number pairs (the fraction equivalent to number bonds) before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. Pupils will explore equivalent fractions and look at simplifying fractions before comparing fractions with different denominators. Towards the end of the half term, they will be finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set and looking at sharing 1 whole and more than 1 whole. We will wrap up by applying content knowledge to sophisticated word problems.

Year 4 will begin the term by revising addition and subtraction strategies to solve two-step word problems. Afterwards, they will focus on multiplication and division strategies, particularly the speed of recalling the facts in preparation for the multiplication check. Finally, the children will spend the remainder of the term securing their year 4 mathematical knowledge in preparation for Year 5.

In both year groups, children will continue to develop their arithmetic skills through their Morning Work and regular arithmetic tests.

Science: Sound/Living Things



This half term we will continue learning about Living Things. We will learn about what a habitat is and how animals adapt to them. We will also recognise how living things can be grouped in a variety of ways using a Venn diagram. We will also look at classification keys for sorting and grouping.

Geography- Rainforest

In geography this half term, Year 3 and Year 4 will be learning about The Amazon Rainforest. The children will be able to locate the Amazon on a map, discuss the different layers of the rainforest, find out about the different settlements, and finally identify the environmental dangers which are threatening it.

Art: Painting



This half term, Year 3 and 4's unit will be learning about painting. They will learn about the Artist John Dyer and his work with the Nixiwakayawna people. The children will learn about tribal art, colour mixing and layering of paint.

PE

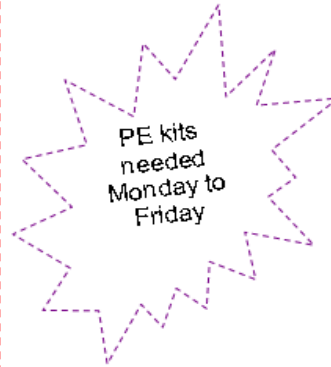


Year 3 we will be having two sessions of PE a week: athletics and rounders.

Year 4 will have a session of athletics and a swimming session at Aylestone Leisure Centre.

In athletics, the children will be learning throwing, jumping, running and relay skills. In Rounders, the children will be learning to bowl and receive a ball, fielding skills and the rules of the game.

Forest School will continue for **all** of year 3 on a Friday morning – please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. N.B. Each group will have a session fortnightly on a Friday morning.



Key Vocabulary

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

1. Deforestation
2. Habitat
3. Classification
4. Location
5. Settlement

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.
- Play on Times tables Rock stars daily.
- Complete weekly homework tasks.

RE/PSHE



In Year 3, the children will be completing their topic 'Choices' about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and begin to make links to show how feelings and beliefs affect our own and others' decisions about choices and their consequences. In our final topic, 'Special places', we will learn that everyone has a special place, what the special places for Jesus and the Christian community are and how they are linked. In Year 4, the children will complete their topic 'Building Bridges' learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will learn about building bridges of friendship and the importance of admitting when we are wrong and being reconciled with one another and God. In our final topic, 'God's People', the children will learn about how ordinary people who do extraordinary things and how different saints show people what God is like.

RSE

This half term, Year 3 and 4 will be taught RSE in modules. Year 3's module is called 'Created to Love Others'. In this module, the children will explore the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.

Year 4's module is called 'Created and Loved by God' which explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps the children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.